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# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG

THAT GUY IN THE  
**SHADOWS** JUST  
BLASTED THAT 'BOT!  
WHO CAN HE BE?

HMM... I CAN MAKE  
OUT A **BIG HEAD**  
AND A **BELLY** TO  
MATCH! I'LL GIVE  
YOU **ONE GUESS!**

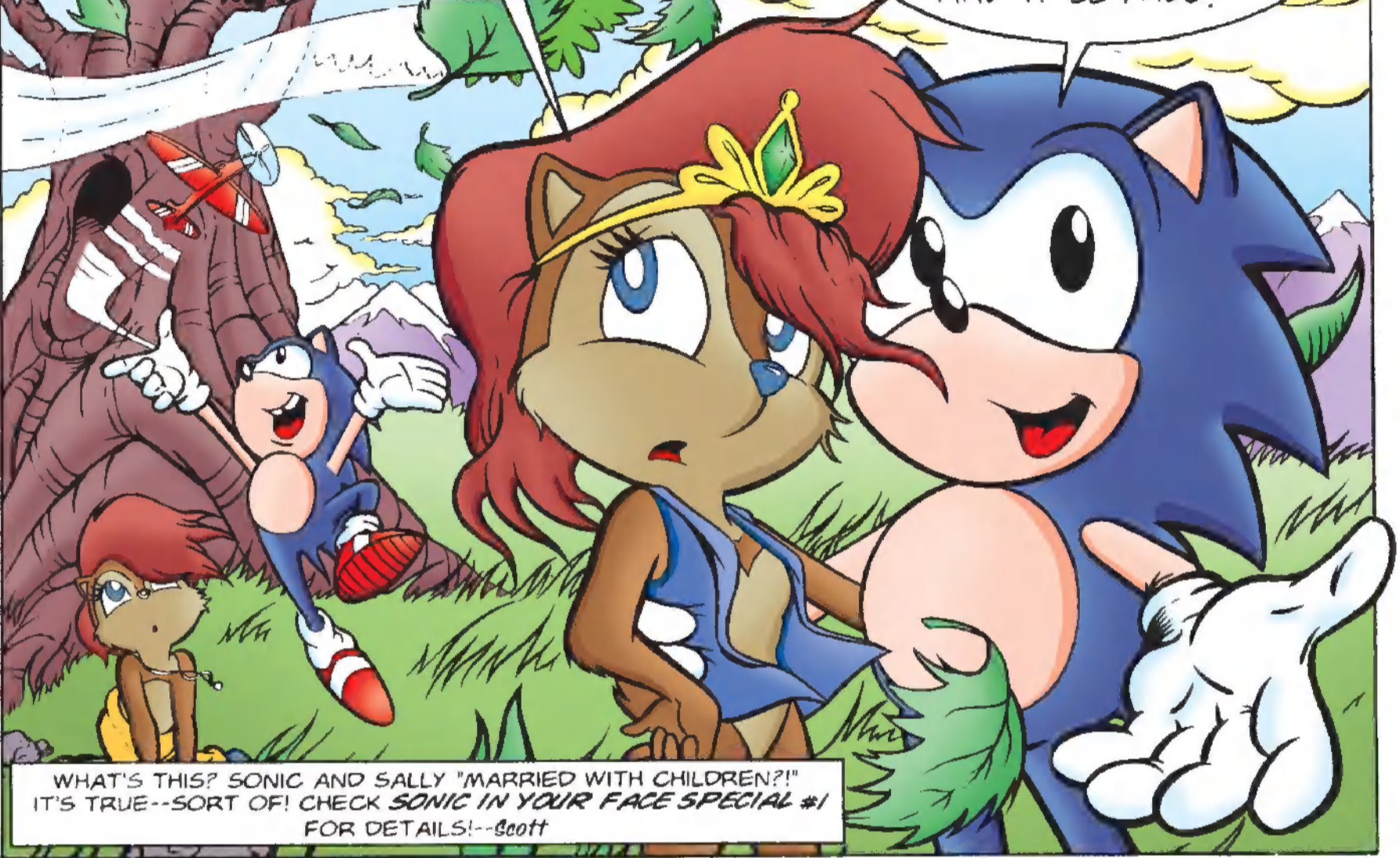
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THAT'S FUNNY,  
**SONIC**  
THE HEDGEHOG™

THE  
**RETURN**  
PART I

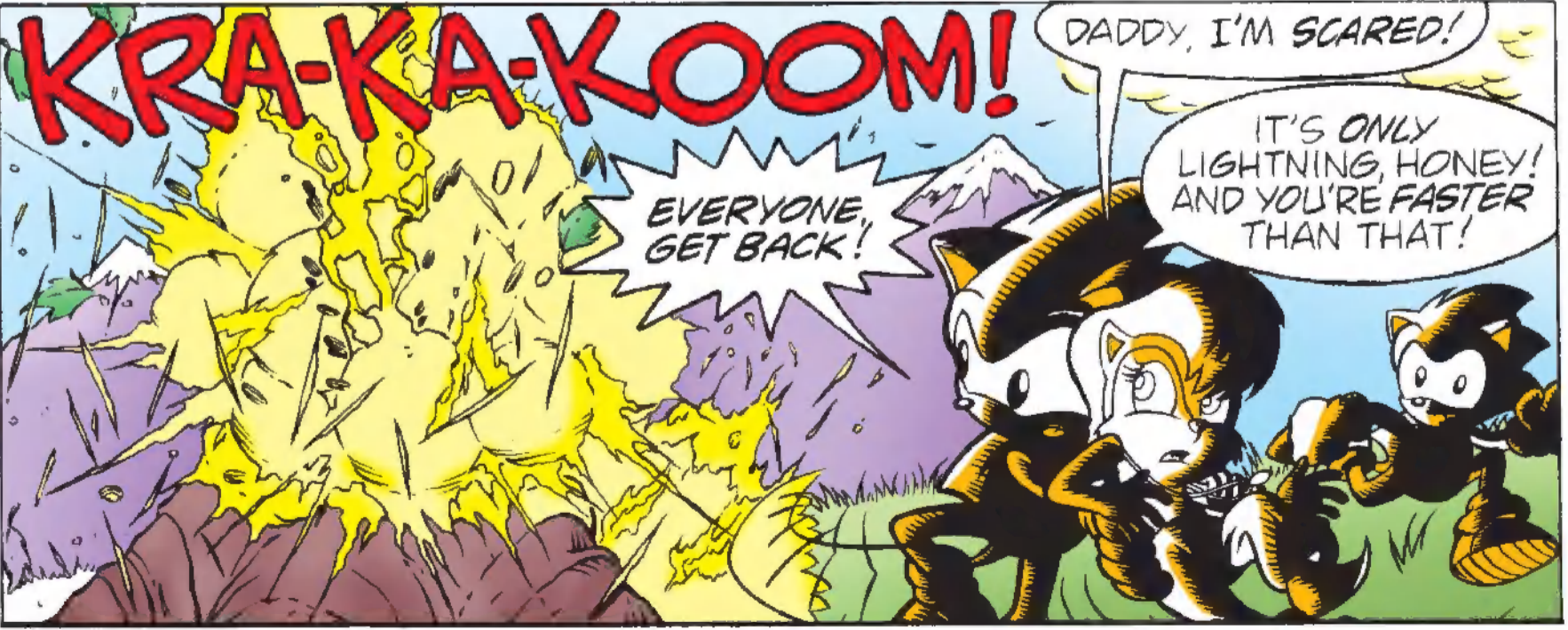
IT WAS **SUNNY**  
AND **CLEAR** SKIES JUST A  
MOMENT AGO! NOW IT LOOKS  
LIKE THERE'S GOING TO BE  
QUITE A **STORM!**

THAT'S **MOBIUS**  
WEATHER FOR YOU,  
SAL! GIVE IT A MINUTE  
AND IT'LL PASS!



WHAT'S THIS? SONIC AND SALLY "MARRIED WITH CHILDREN?!"  
IT'S TRUE--SORT OF! CHECK **SONIC IN YOUR FACE SPECIAL #1**  
FOR DETAILS!--Scott

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**KRA-KA-KOOM!**

**EVERYONE,  
GET BACK!**

DADDY, I'M SCARED!

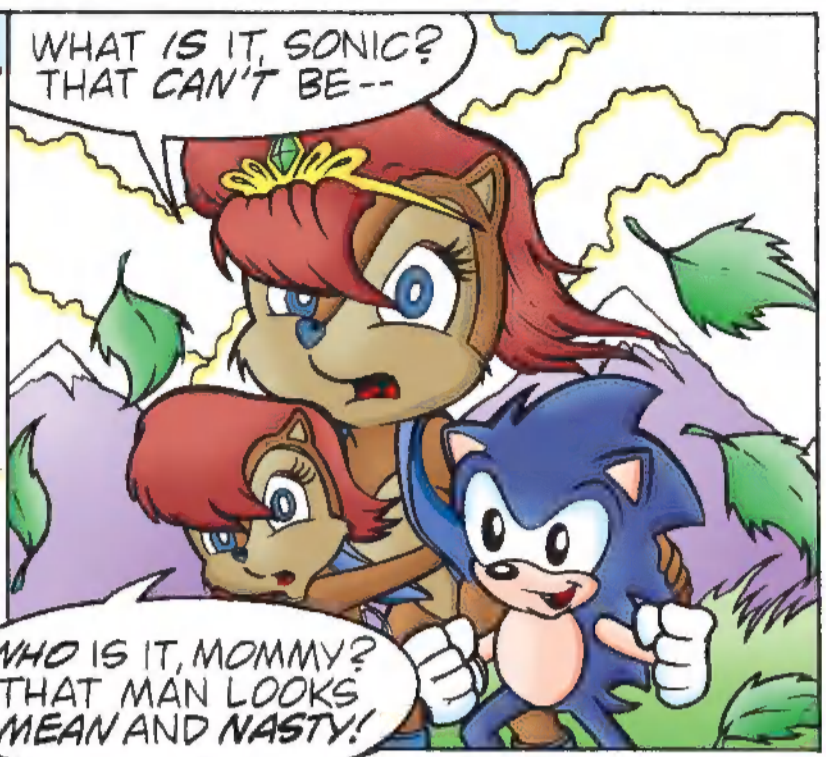
IT'S ONLY  
LIGHTNING, HONEY!  
AND YOU'RE FASTER  
THAN THAT!



**KRAA-KHOOM!**

WHAT THE...

...AND WHERE DID IT COME FROM?!



WHAT IS IT, SONIC? THAT CAN'T BE--

WHO IS IT, MOMMY? THAT MAN LOOKS MEAN AND NASTY!



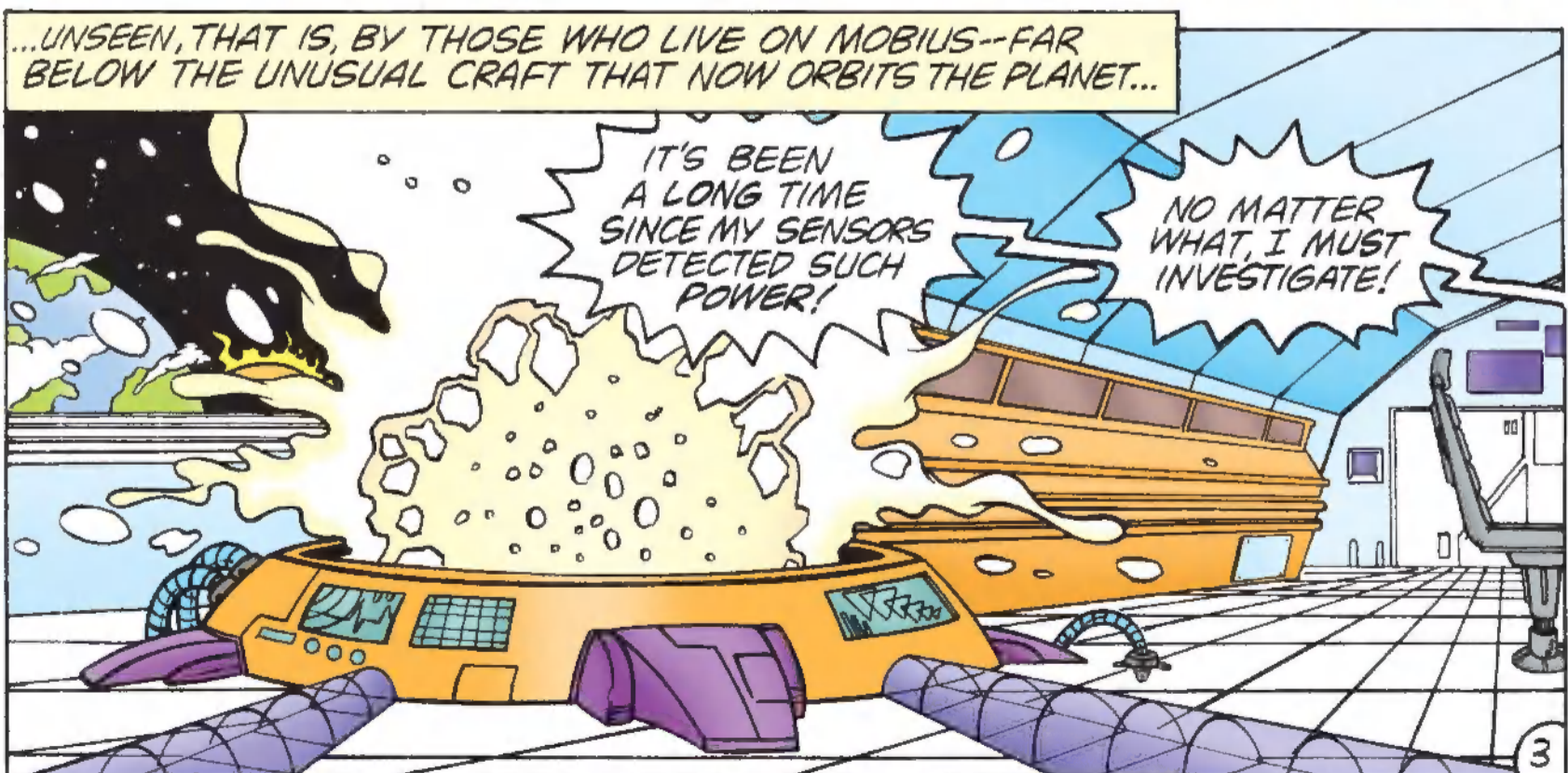
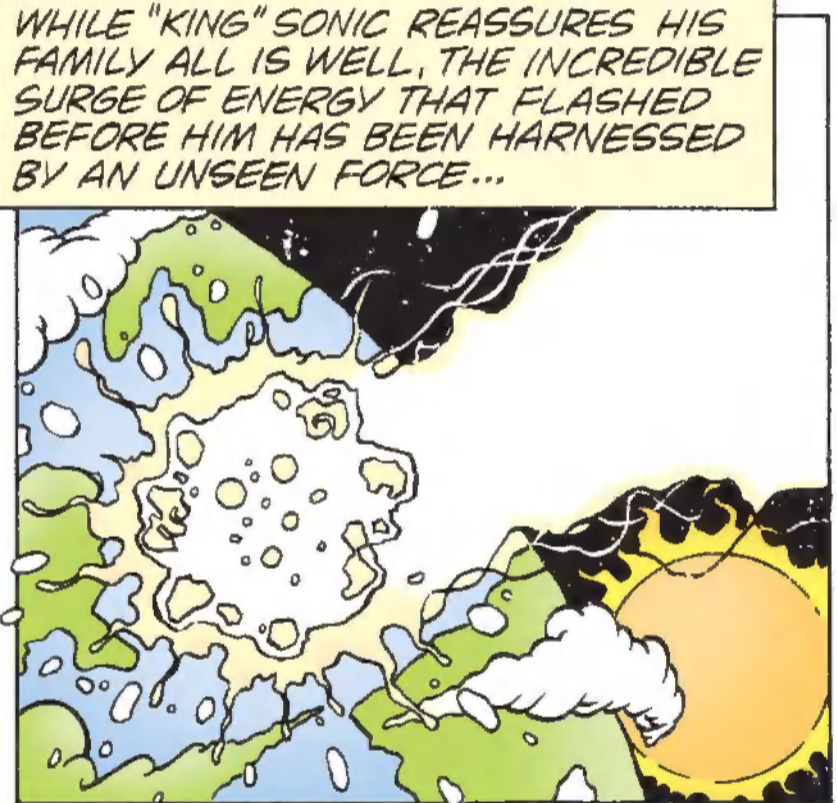
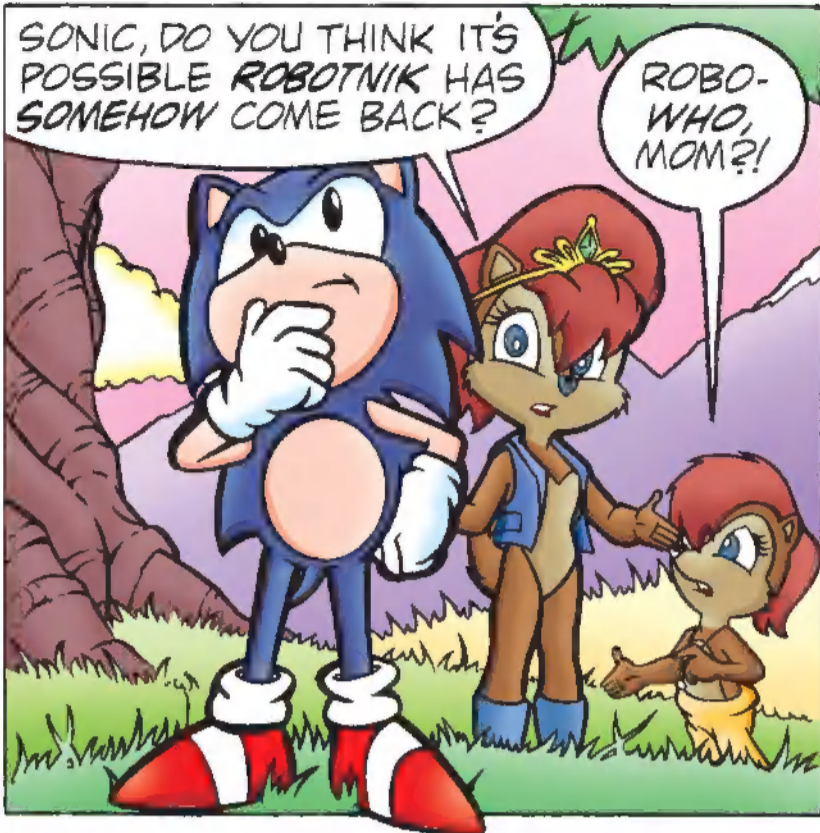
YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT, L'L PRINCESS.

DON'T YOU KNOW WHO THAT IS?

**KRAAAKHOOOOOOMM!**



IT'S THE BOGEY MAN!



"IN DOING SO, I MAY FIND A SOLUTION TO MY DILEMMA."

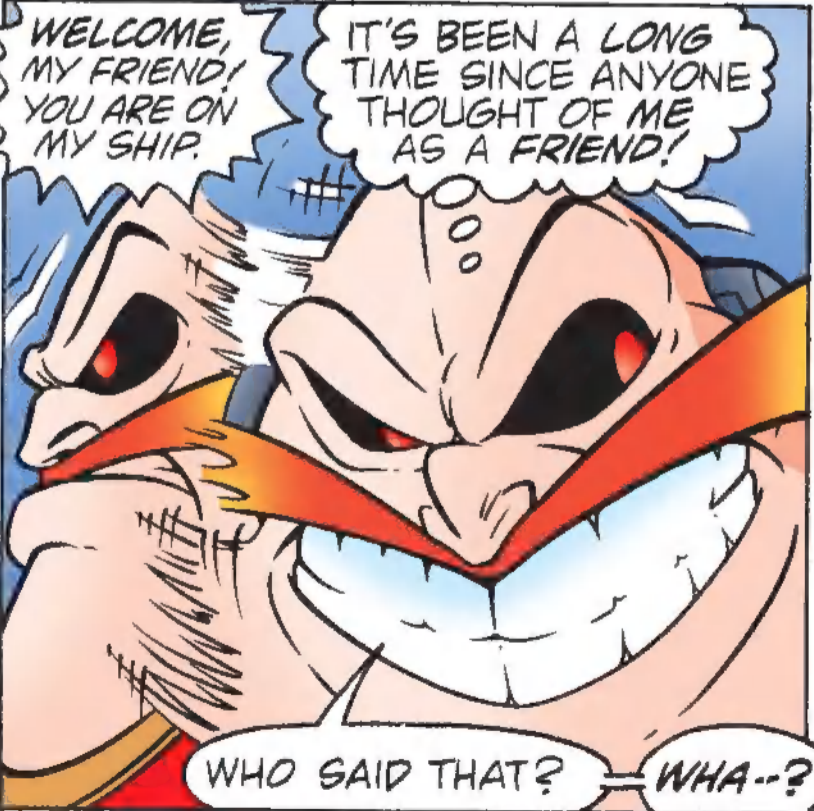


YOU CAN'T-- YOU--EH?

**RRRRRRRLLLLLLLLLLLLLSSSSSS**



WHERE AM I?



WELCOME, MY FRIEND! YOU ARE ON MY SHIP.

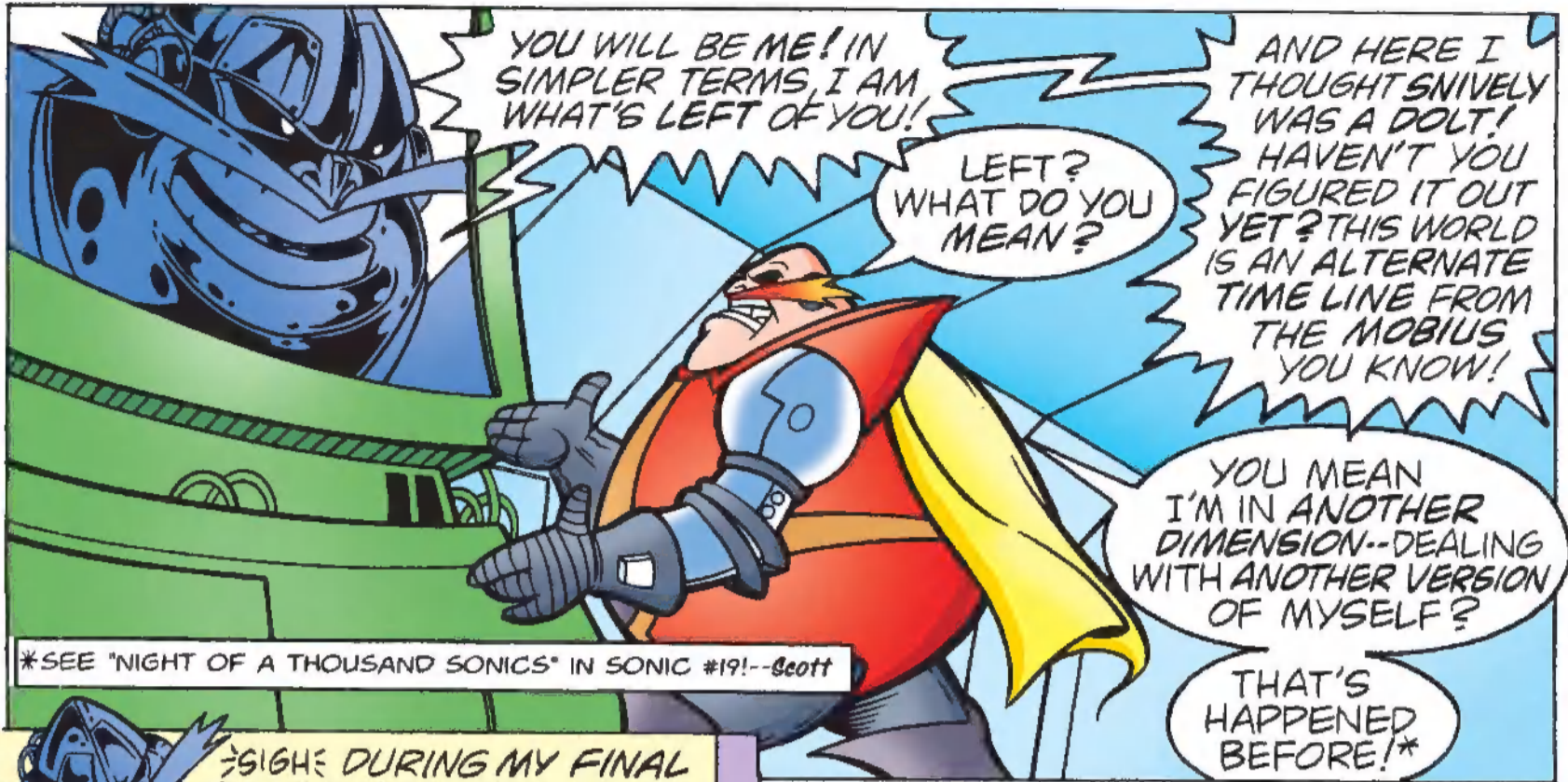
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE ANYONE THOUGHT OF ME AS A FRIEND!

WHO SAID THAT? — WHA--?



IT LOOKS LIKE ME -- ON SOME COMPUTER SCREEN!

I AM YOU!! OR RATHER--



YOU WILL BE ME! IN SIMPLER TERMS, I AM WHAT'S LEFT OF YOU!

LEFT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

AND HERE I THOUGHT SNIVELY WAS A DOLT! HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED IT OUT YET? THIS WORLD IS AN ALTERNATE TIME LINE FROM THE MOBIUS YOU KNOW!

YOU MEAN I'M IN ANOTHER DIMENSION--DEALING WITH ANOTHER VERSION OF MYSELF?

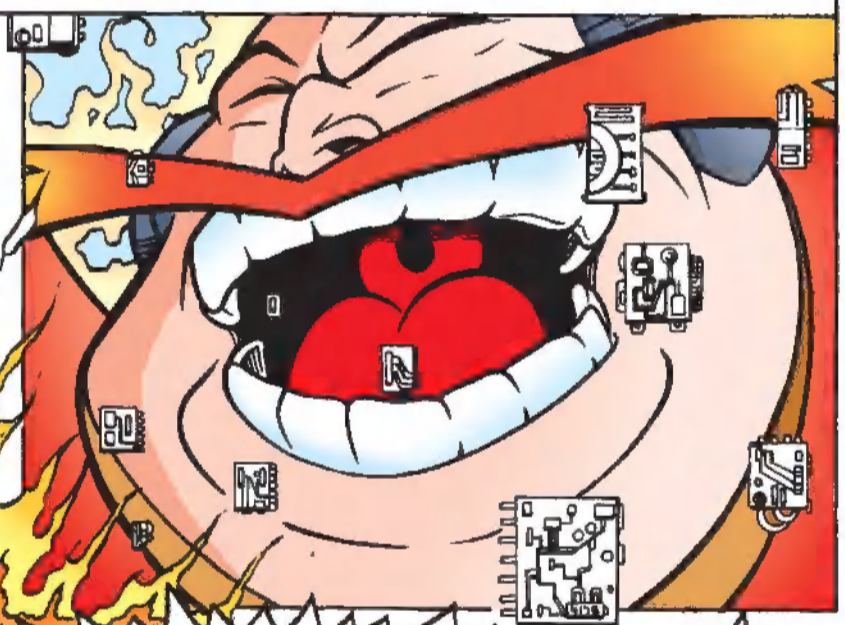
THAT'S HAPPENED BEFORE!\*

\*SEE "NIGHT OF A THOUSAND SONICS" IN SONIC #19!--Scott



SIGH: DURING MY FINAL BATTLE WITH THE HATED HEDGEHOG, I WAS LEFT WITH LITTLE CHOICE--

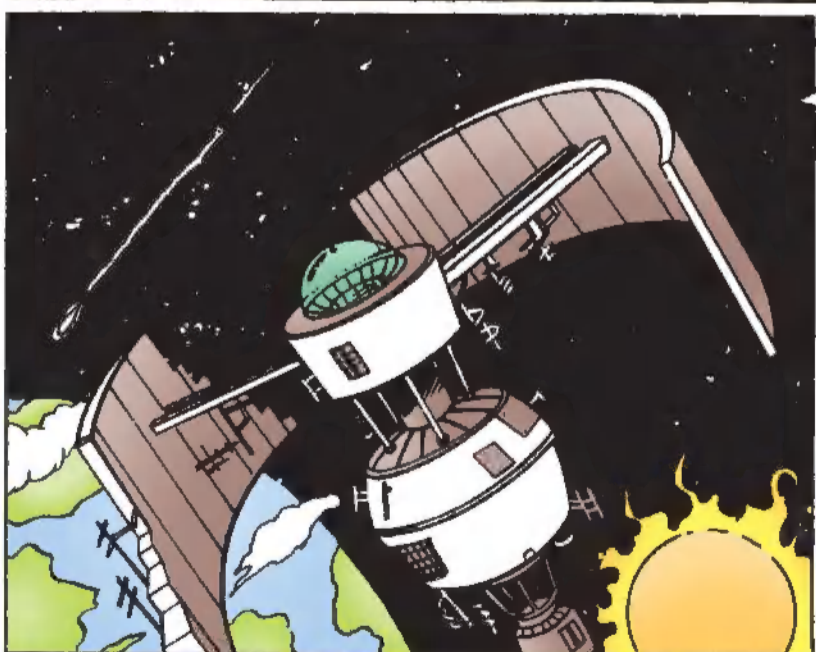
"I MERELY DELAYED THE INEVITABLE WITH ONE CHANCE REMAINING. I UP-LOADED MY CORE MEMORY TO THIS STATION THAT I HAD DESIGNED AND BUILT WITH OTHER INTENTIONS IN MIND."



"I HAD TO UNDERGO ROBOTICIZATION IF I WERE TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF OVERPOWERING SONIC."

NOW ALL I CAN DO IS JUST OPERATE THE STATION'S FUNCTIONS UNTIL MY SYSTEMS RUN DOWN!

ALL-- IS LOST!



"UNFORTUNATELY, THE STATION WAS FAR FROM COMPLETE. I MAY HAVE SAVED MYSELF FROM THAT FOOL SONIC, BUT AT AN UNFORESEEN COST."



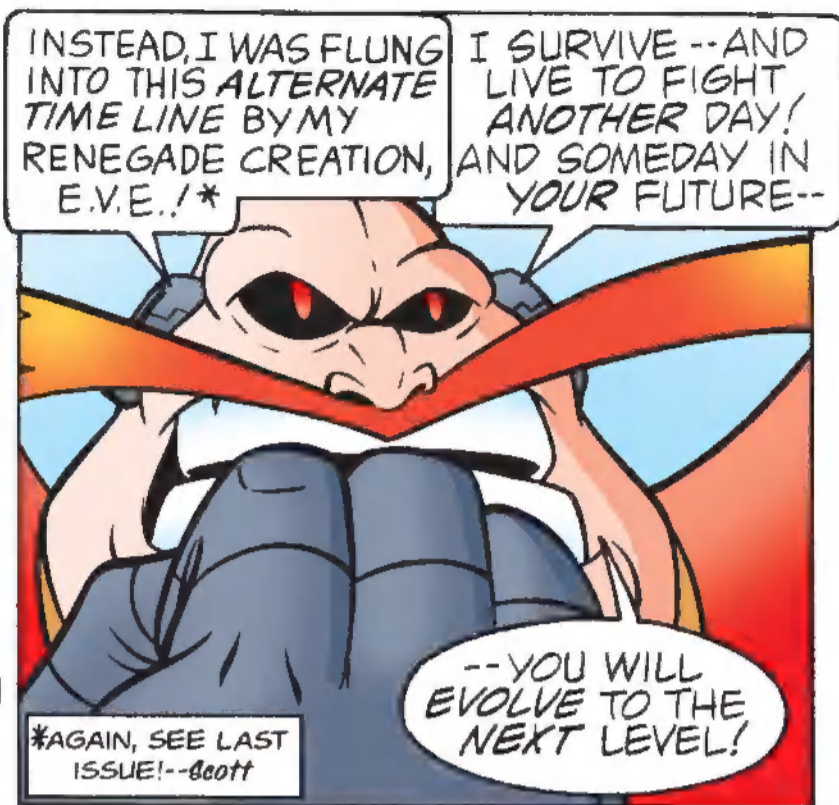
NEVER!



YOU'VE JUST ONLY LOST ANOTHER BATTLE--AS HAVE I!

BUT THE WAR CONTINUES!

LOOK AT ME! IF YOU REMEMBER, I THOUGHT I WAS JUST OBLITERATED!\*



INSTEAD, I WAS FLUNG INTO THIS ALTERNATE TIME LINE BY MY RENEGADE CREATION, E.V.E.!\*

I SURVIVE --AND LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY! AND SOMEDAY IN YOUR FUTURE--

--YOU WILL EVOLVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

\*AGAIN, SEE LAST ISSUE!--Scott



RIGHT NOW, THE **CLEAREST** COURSE OF ACTION IS FOR ME TO RETURN WHERE I BELONG--SO THAT I MAY ENSURE THAT THIS TIME-- I WIN!

WELL, IF I REVERSE THE POLARITY ON THE FRAMISTAT AND TWEAK THE TOLERANCES A TAD ON THIS DOOHICKEY...



ANY IDEAS HOW I CAN JUMP ONTO THE TRANS-DIMENSIONAL HIGHWAY\*TO HOME?

\*LAST SEEN IN SONIC #19--Scott



VOILA!

GOOD LUCK ... AND "MAY THE FORCE OF EVIL BE WITH YOU!"

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END PART 1

# RETURN

PART 2

EASY WITH THAT,  
**SONIC**  
THE HEDGEHOG!

ONE WRONG MOVE AND WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD HAPPEN!

THIS STUFF IS STILL DANGEROUS!

C'MON, ROTOR!  
IT'S ONLY CRATES OF SWATBOT PARTS!

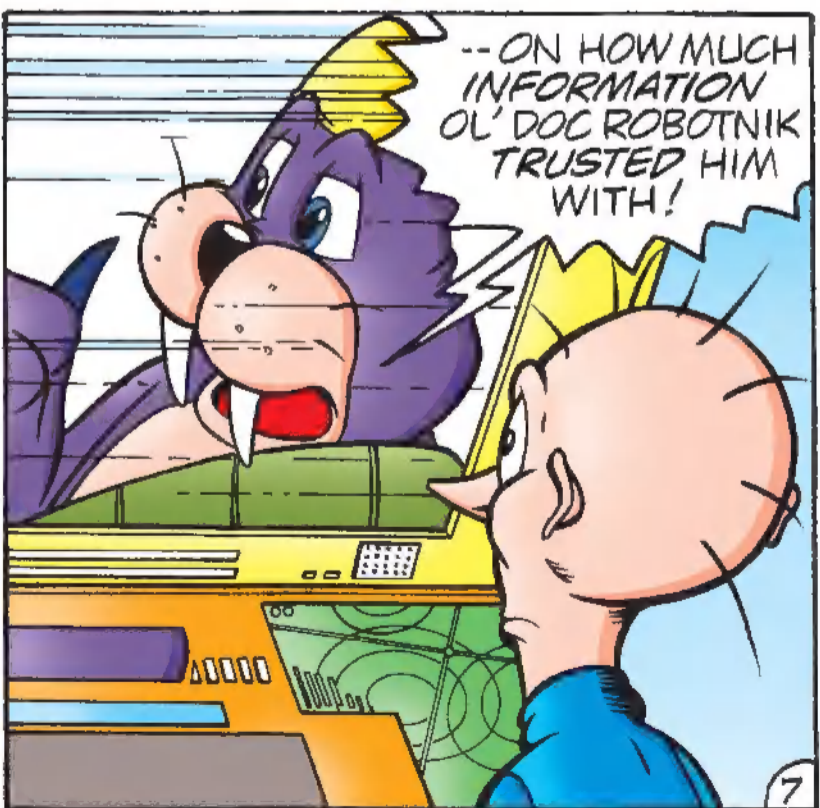


SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT, ROTOR!

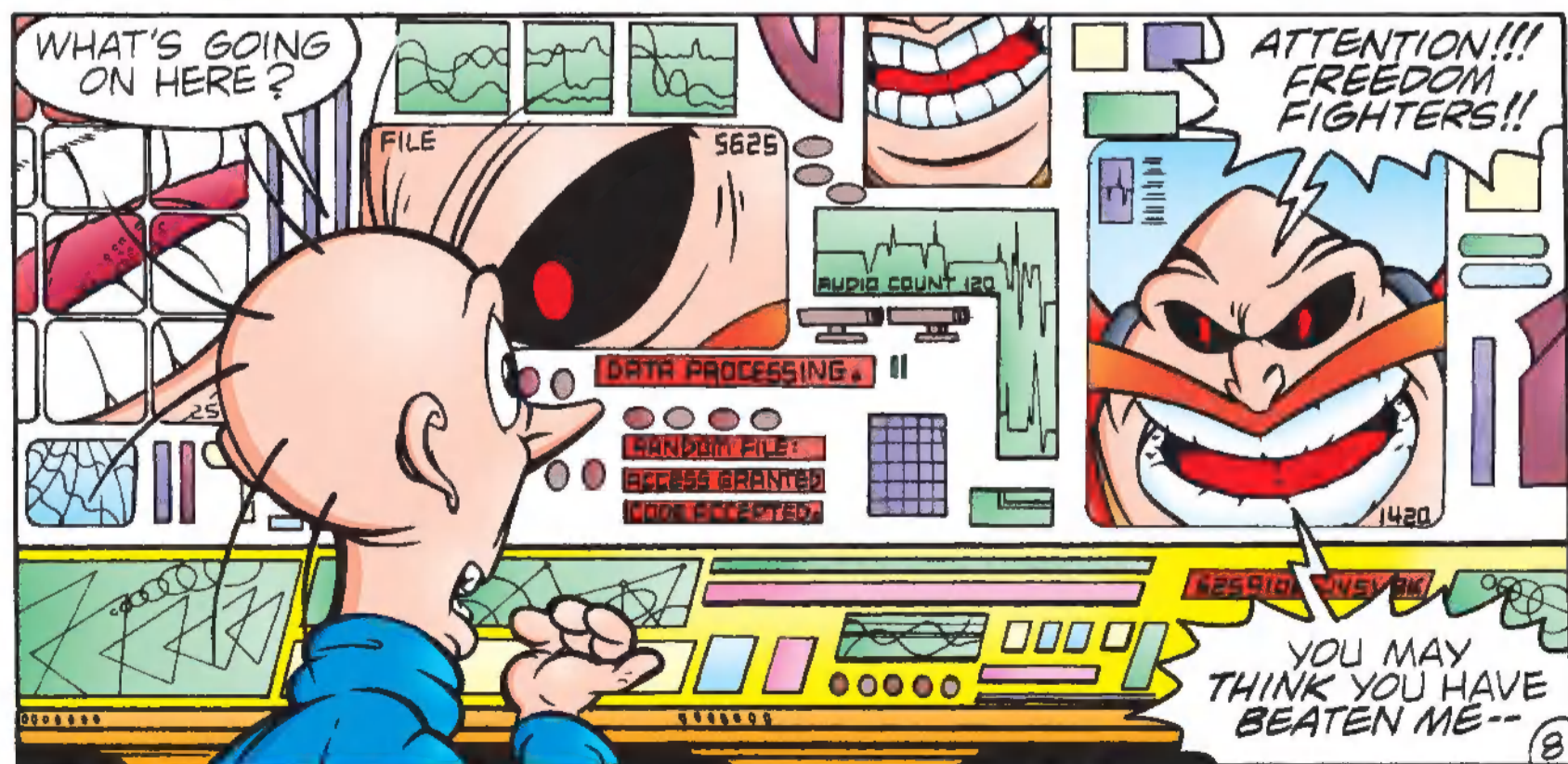
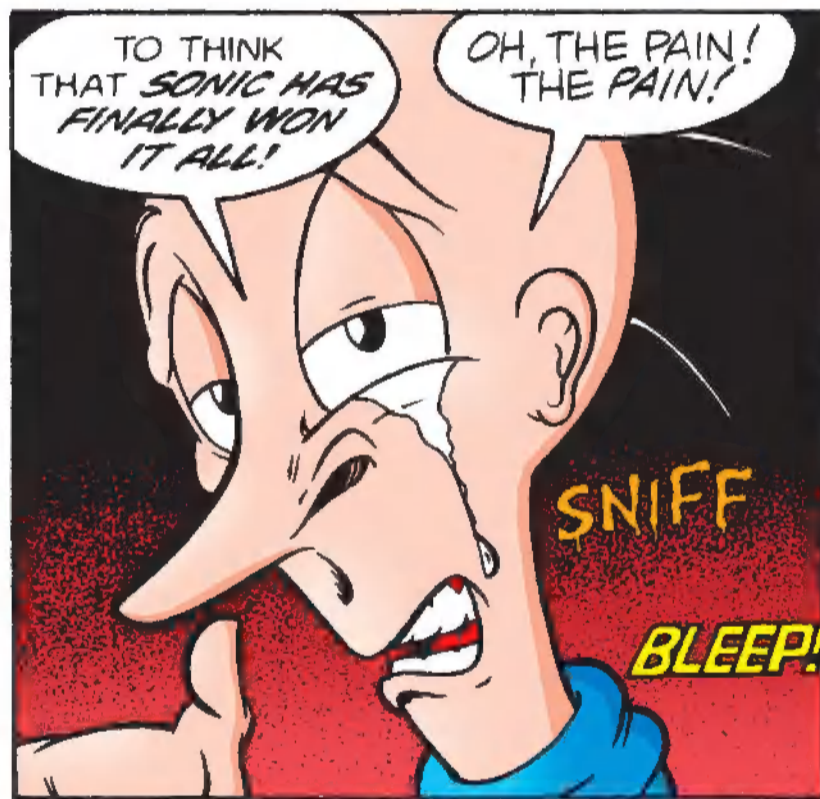
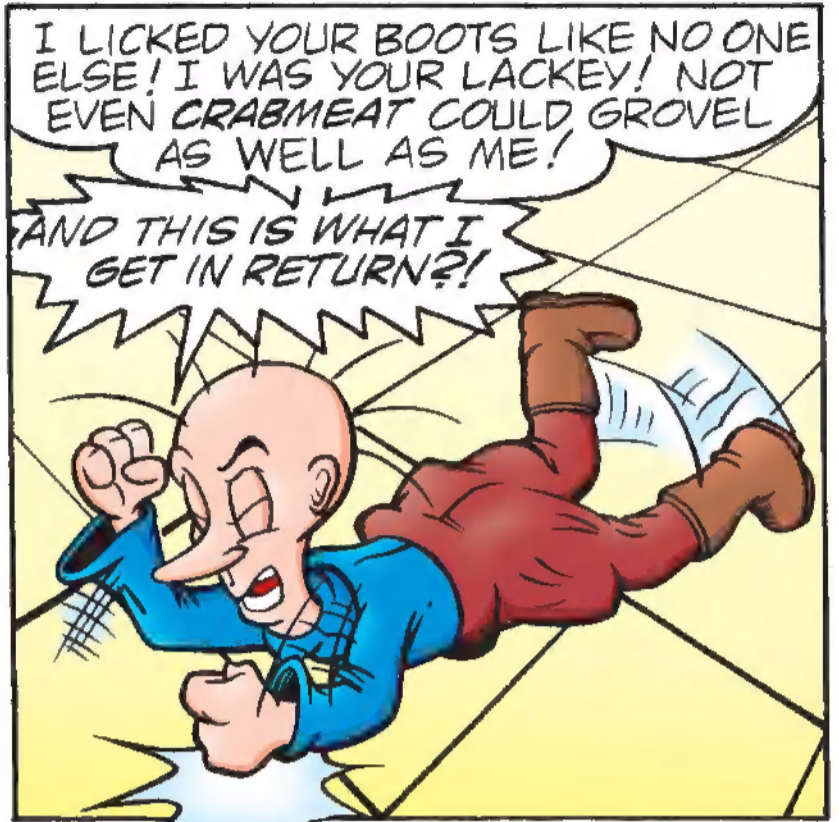
ROBOTNIK MAY BE GONE, BUT SNIVELY SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP THINGS GOING!

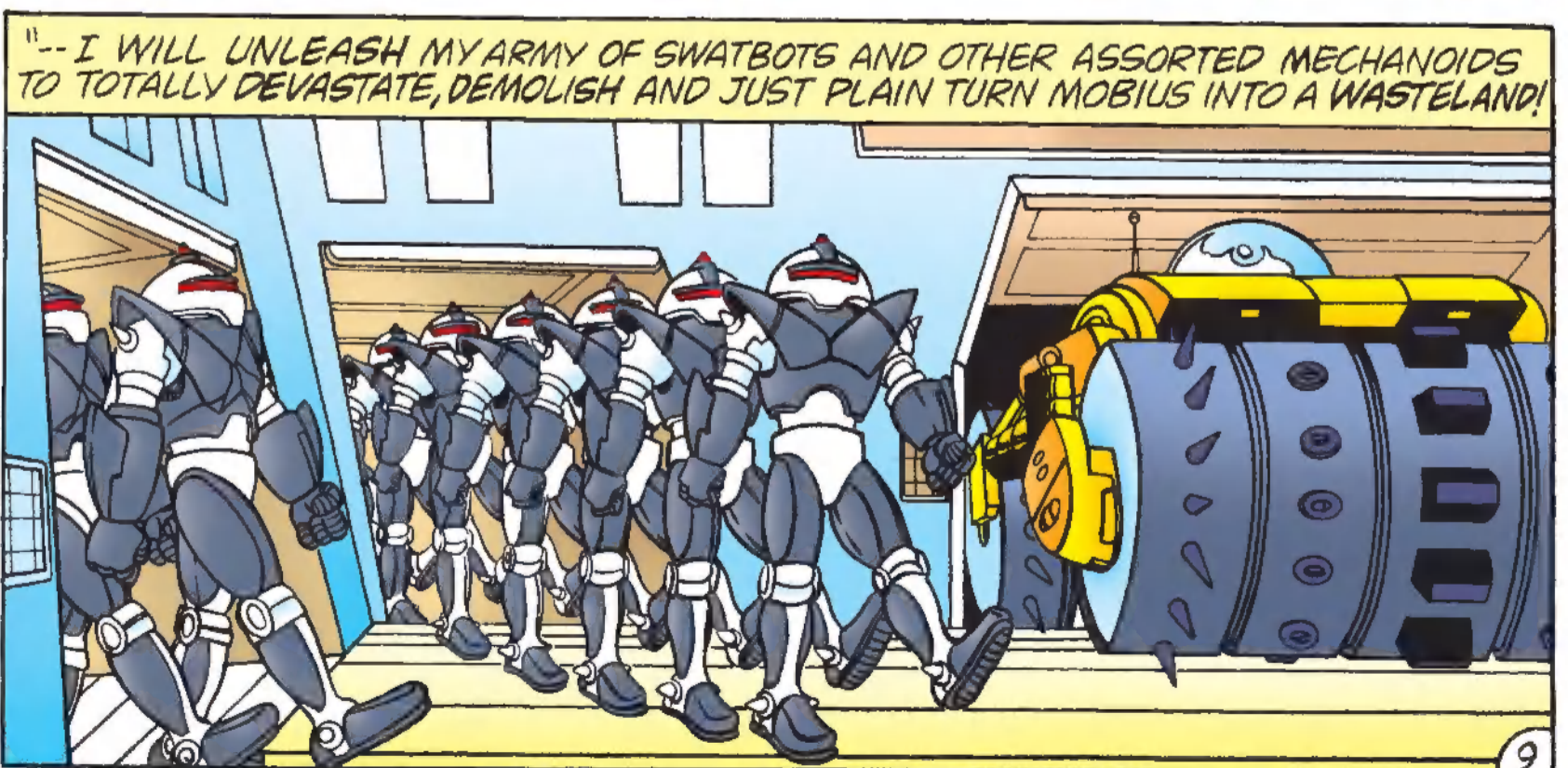
THAT DEPENDS, PRINCESS--

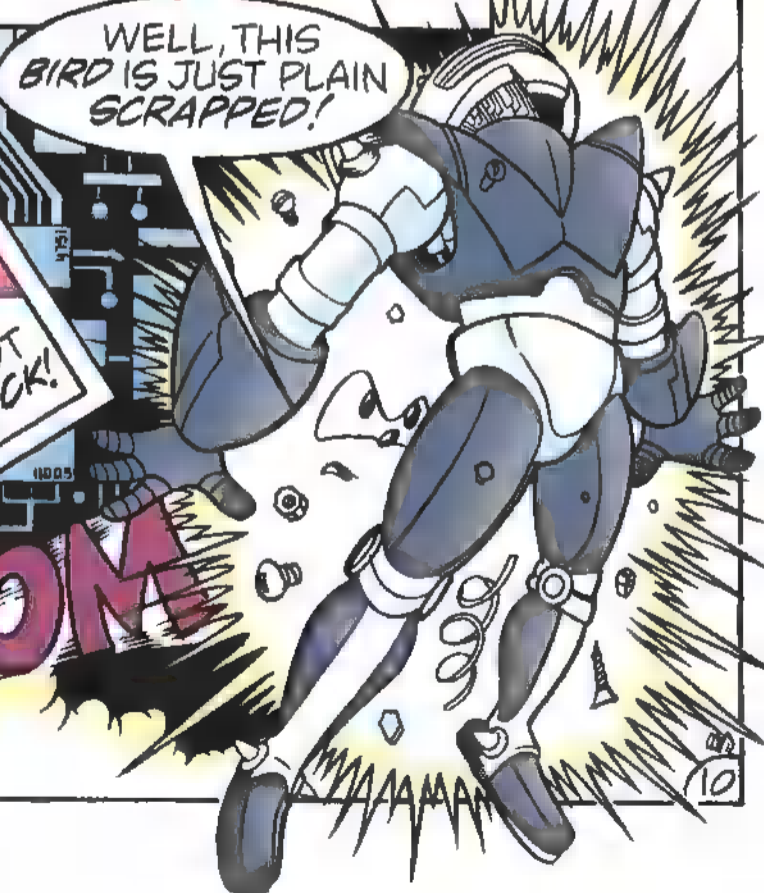
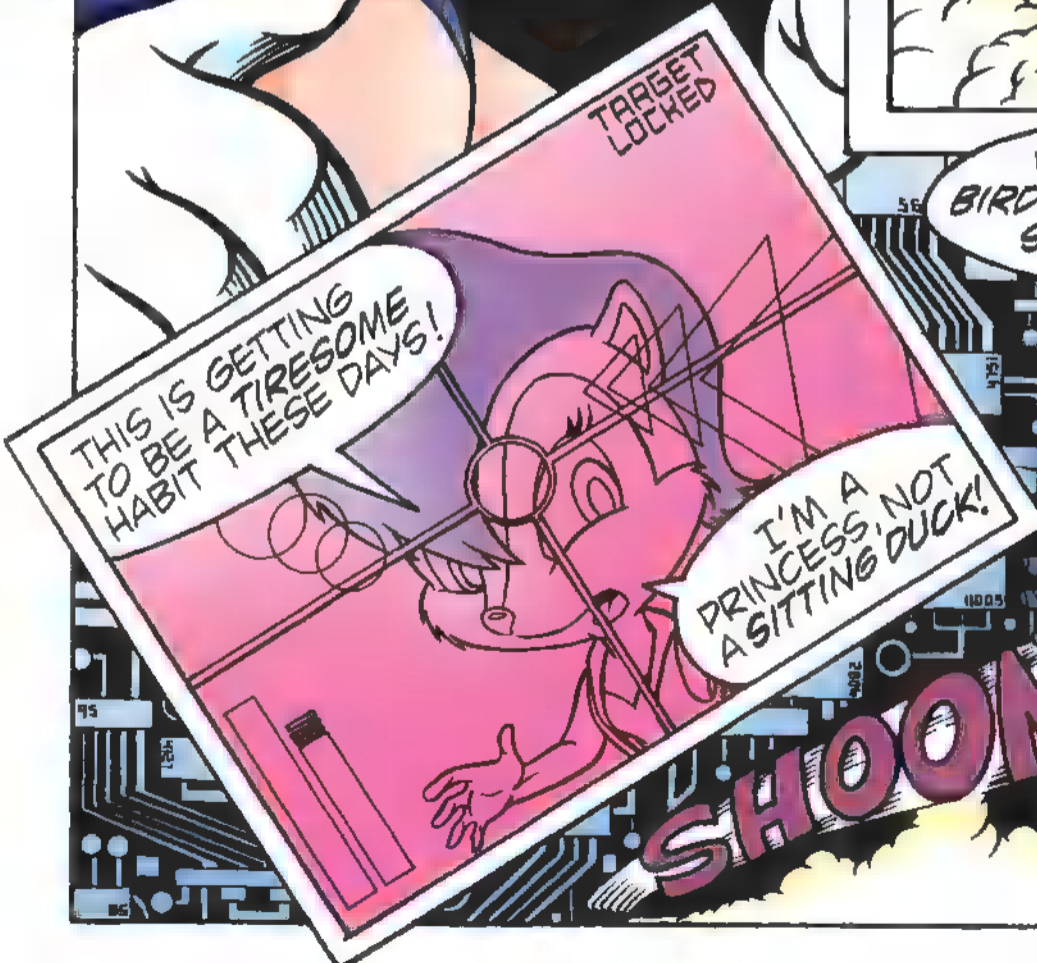
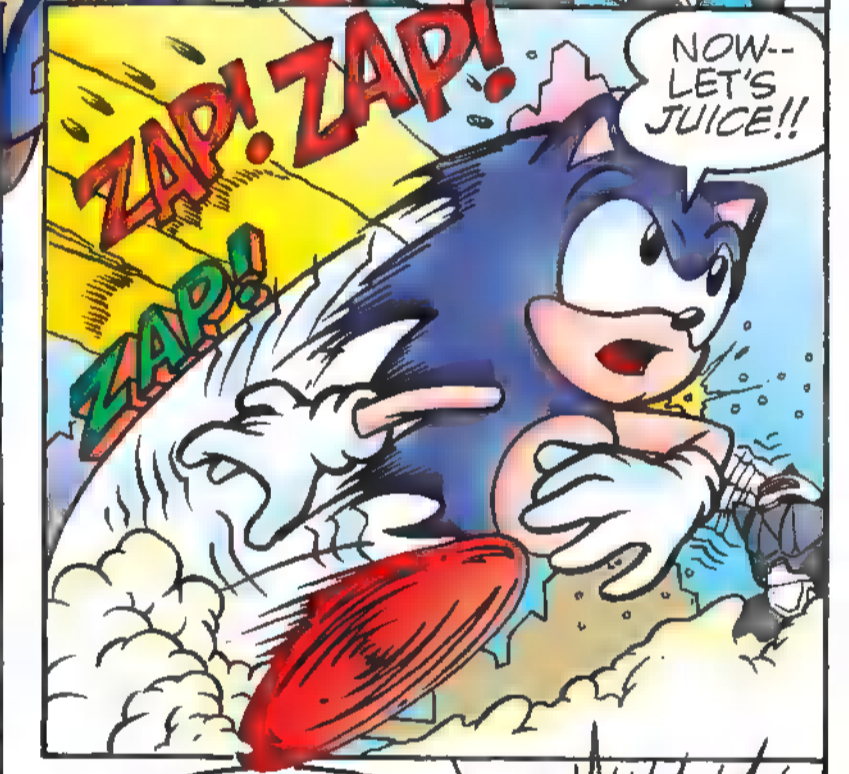
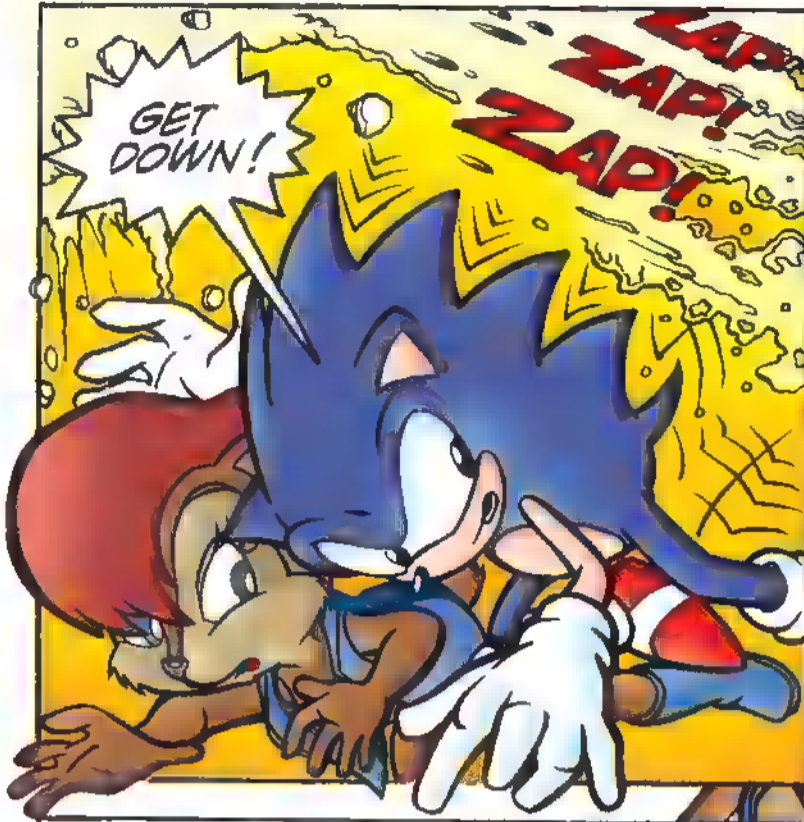
-- ON HOW MUCH INFORMATION OL' DOC ROBOTNIK TRUSTED HIM WITH!

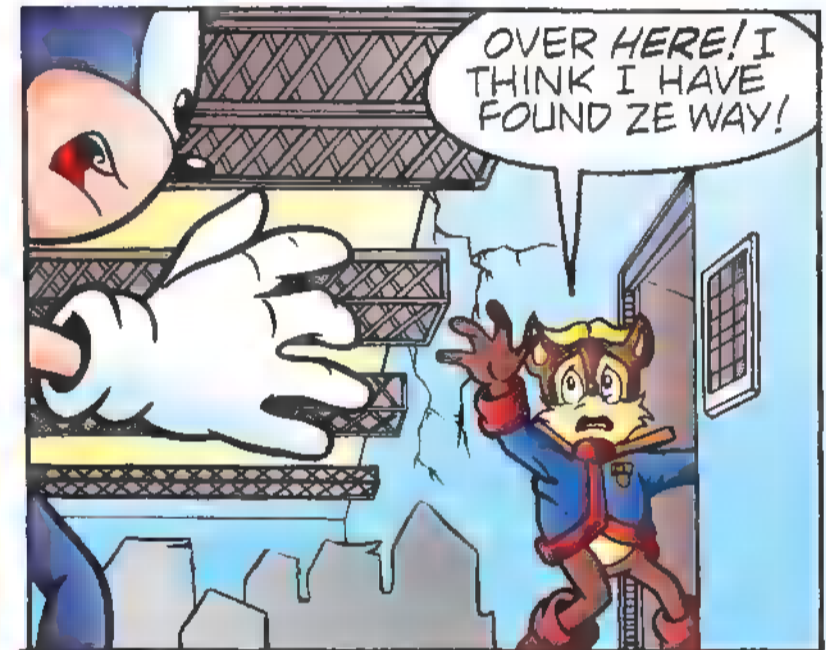






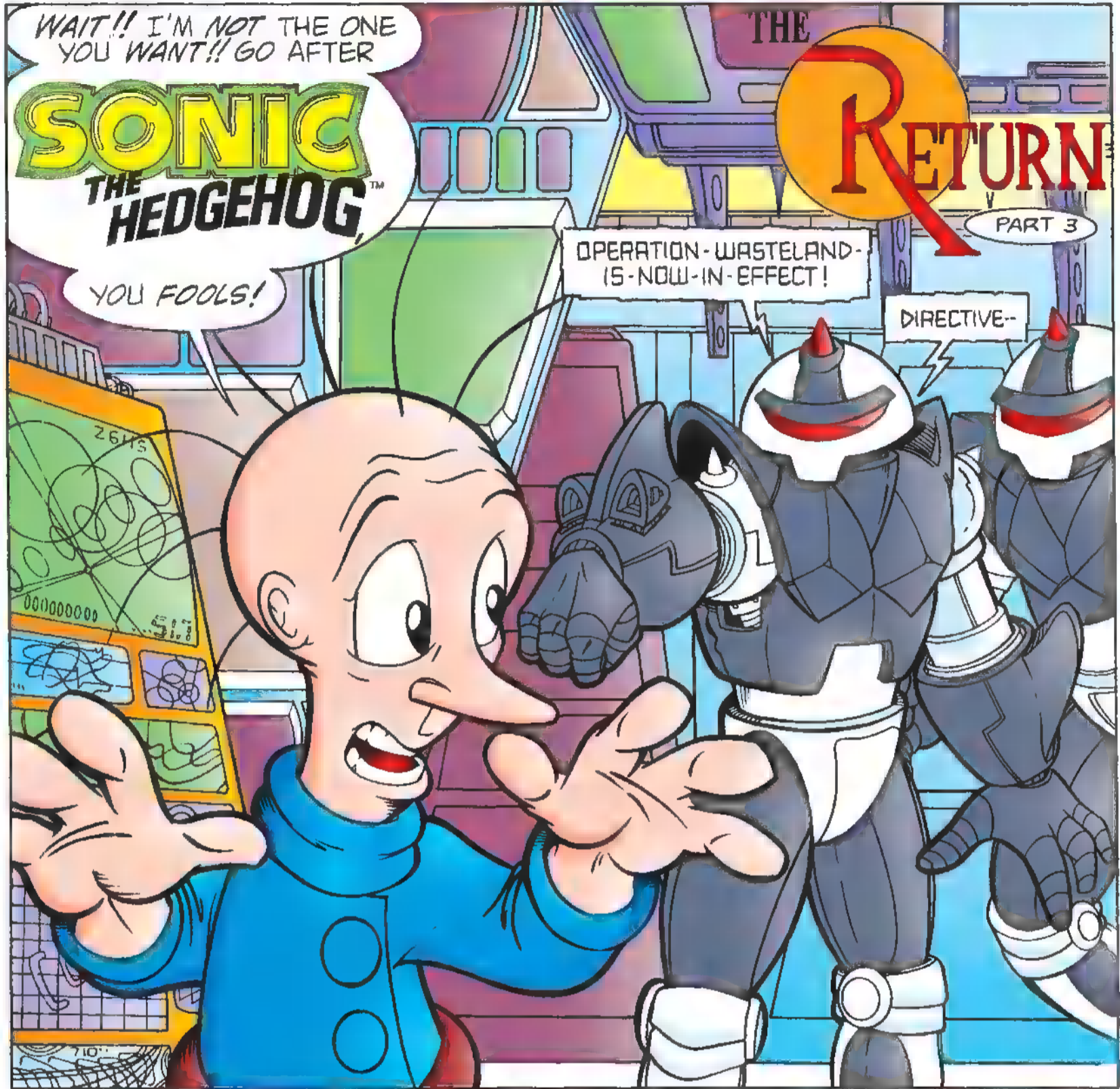






ATTENTION! OPERATION: WASTELAND SHALL NOW COMMENCE! ATTENTION! OPERATION: WASTELAND





WAIT!! I'M NOT THE ONE YOU WANT!! GO AFTER

# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

# THE RETURN

PART 3

YOU FOOLS!

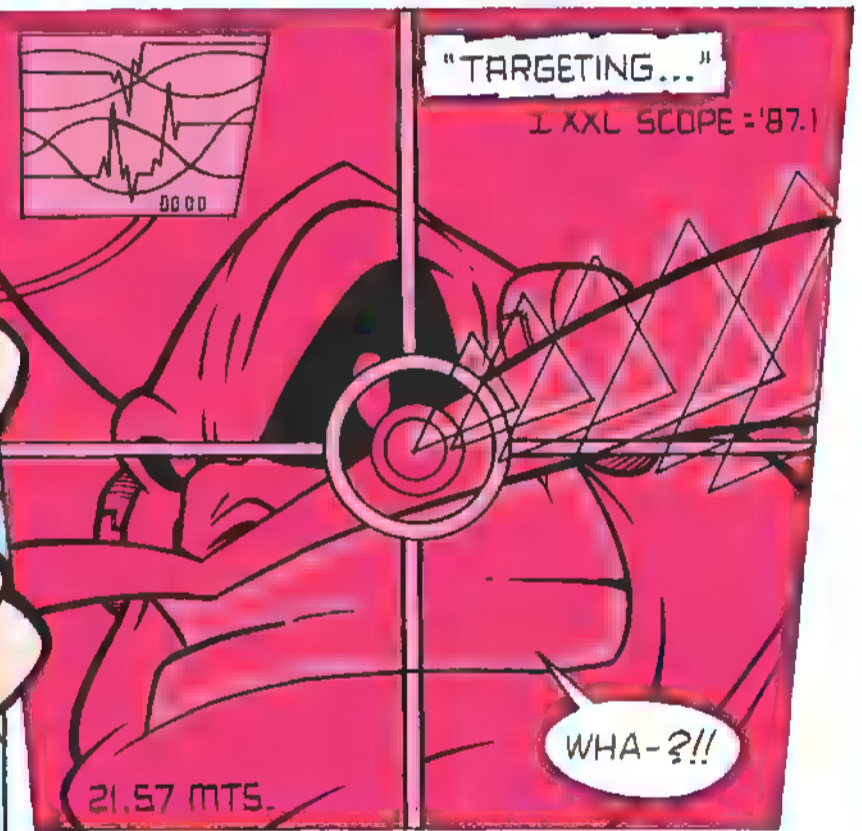
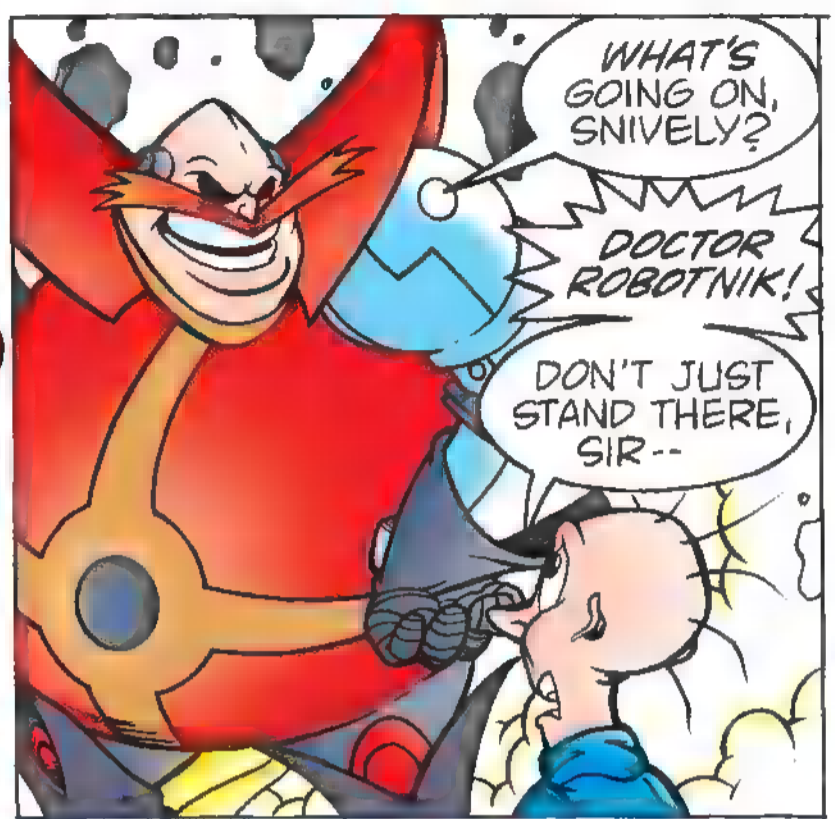
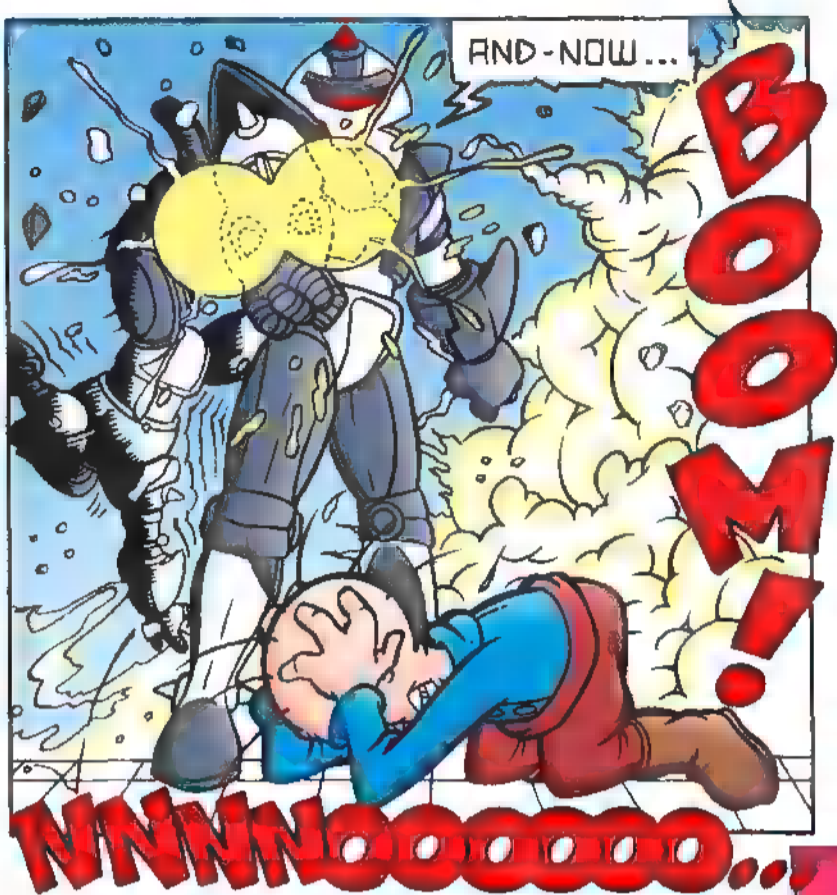
OPERATION-WASTELAND-IS-NOW-IN-EFFECT!

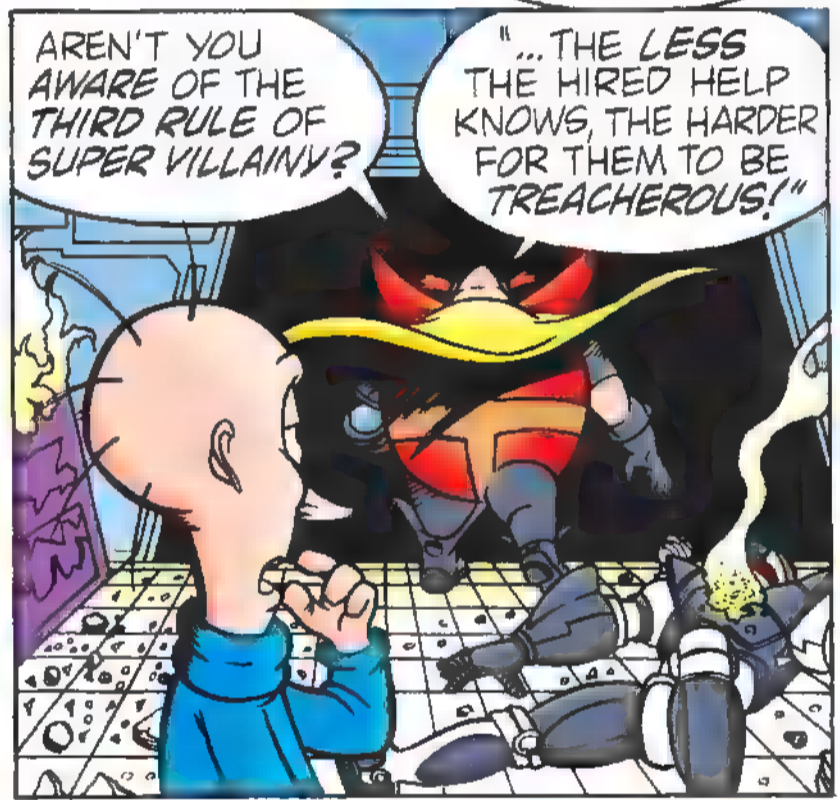
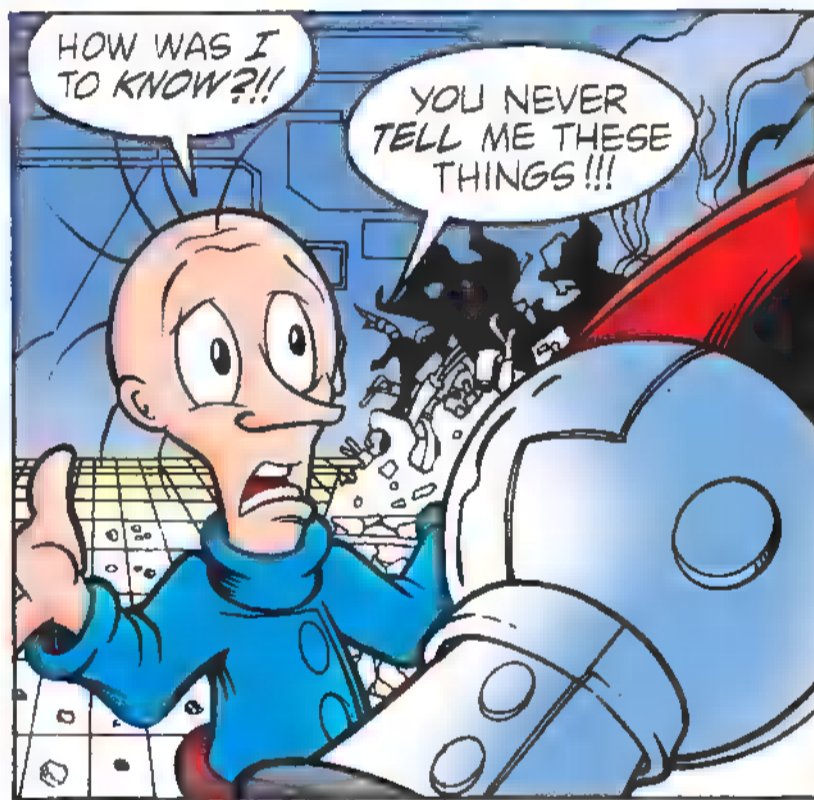
DIRECTIVE--

# FRAZZT!

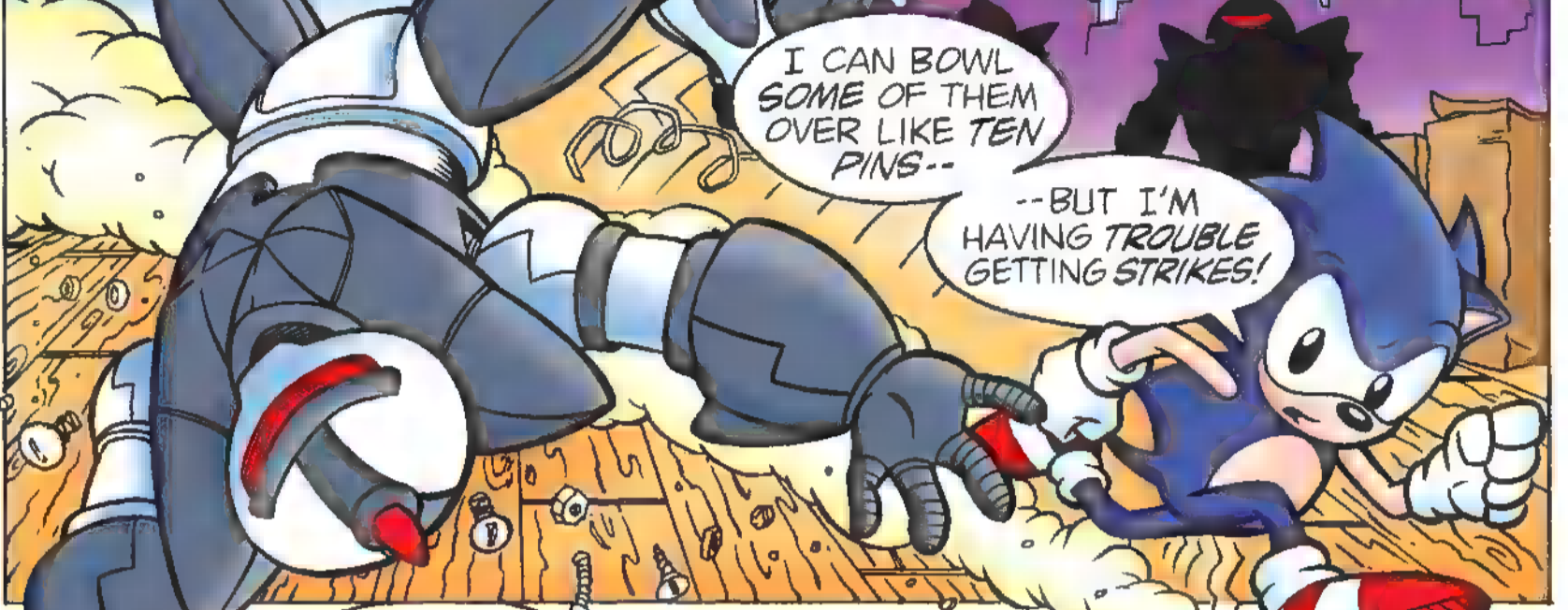
DESTROY-EVERYTHING-IN-SIGHT! LEAVE-NO-STONE-OR-HEDGEHOG-UNTURNUED!

NOT ROBOTROPOLIS!! EVERYTHING ELSE-- YESSS!!!





**UM-ROOOOOOOOM!**



I CAN BOWL SOME OF THEM OVER LIKE TEN PINS--

--BUT I'M HAVING TROUBLE GETTING STRIKES!



THERE'S JUST TOO MANY OF THEM, SAL!

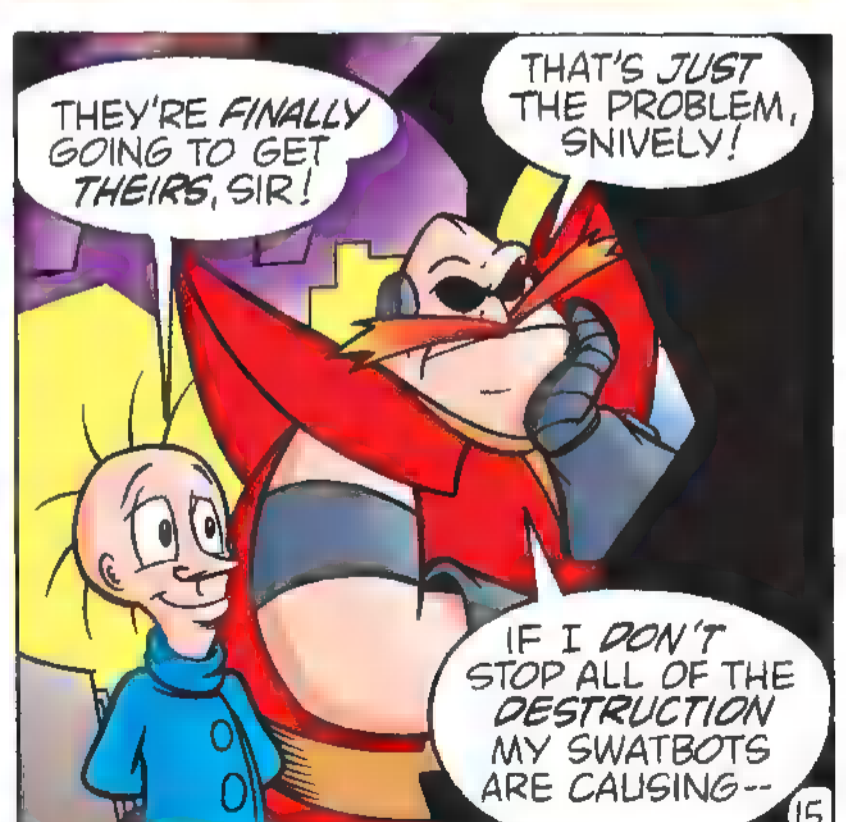


EVERYBODY, CLEAR OUT!



WE'RE CUT OFF THIS WAY!

TRY DOWN THE OTHER CORRIDOR!

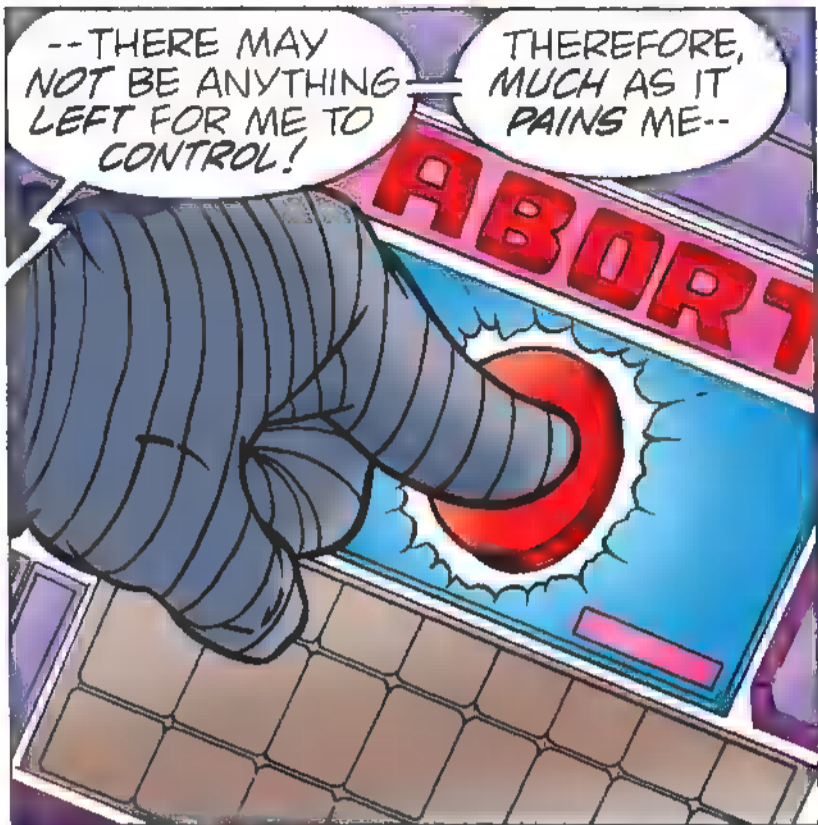


THEY'RE FINALLY GOING TO GET THEIRS, SIR!

THAT'S JUST THE PROBLEM, SNIVELY!

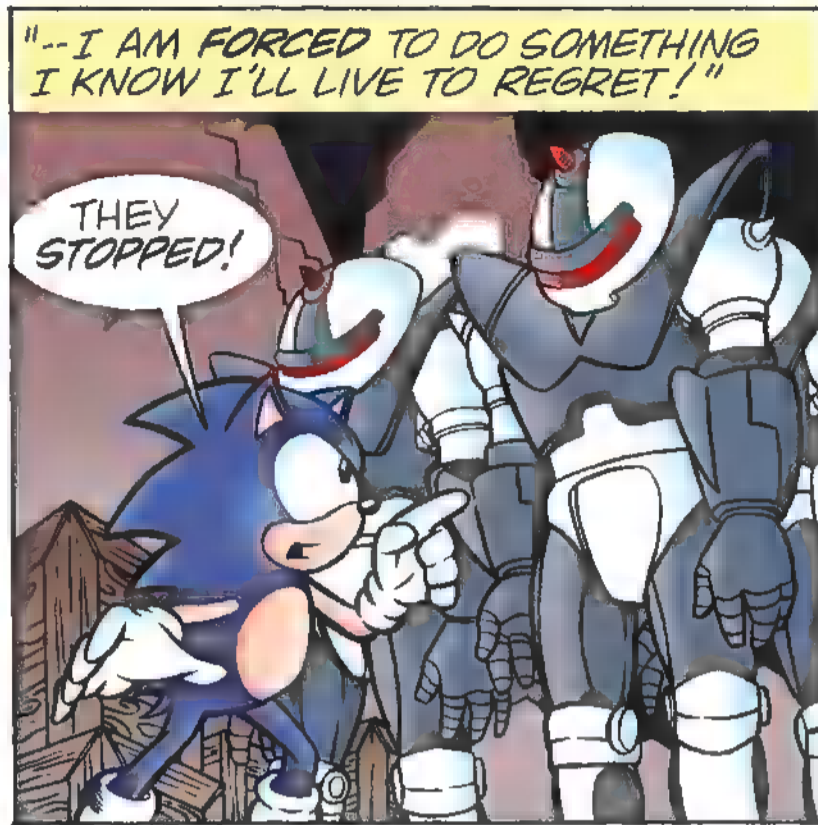
IF I DON'T STOP ALL OF THE DESTRUCTION MY SWATBOTS ARE CAUSING--





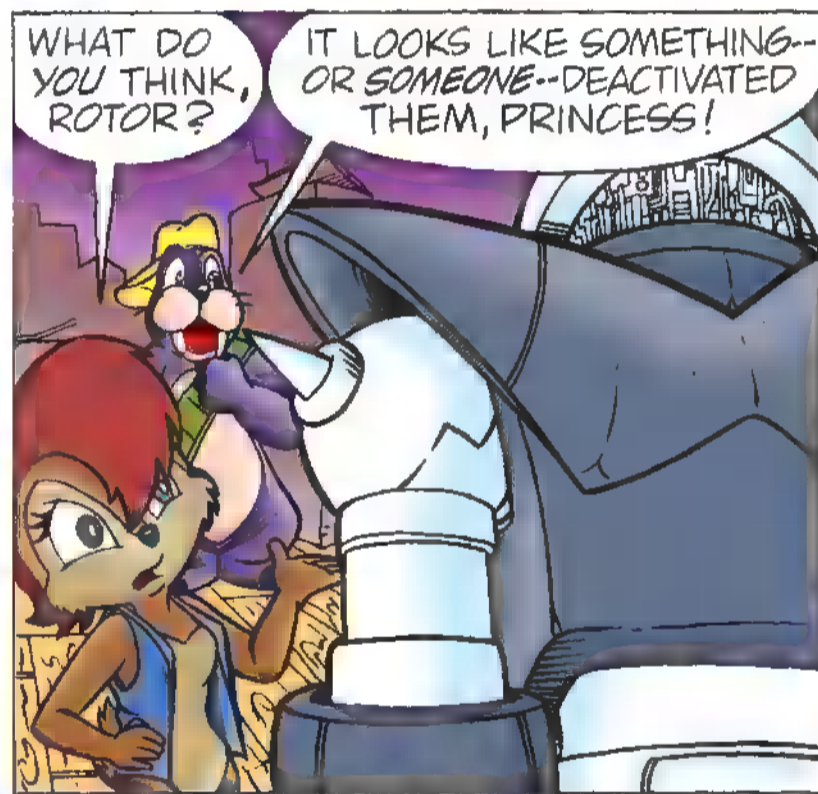
--THERE MAY NOT BE ANYTHING LEFT FOR ME TO CONTROL!

THEREFORE, MUCH AS IT PAINS ME--



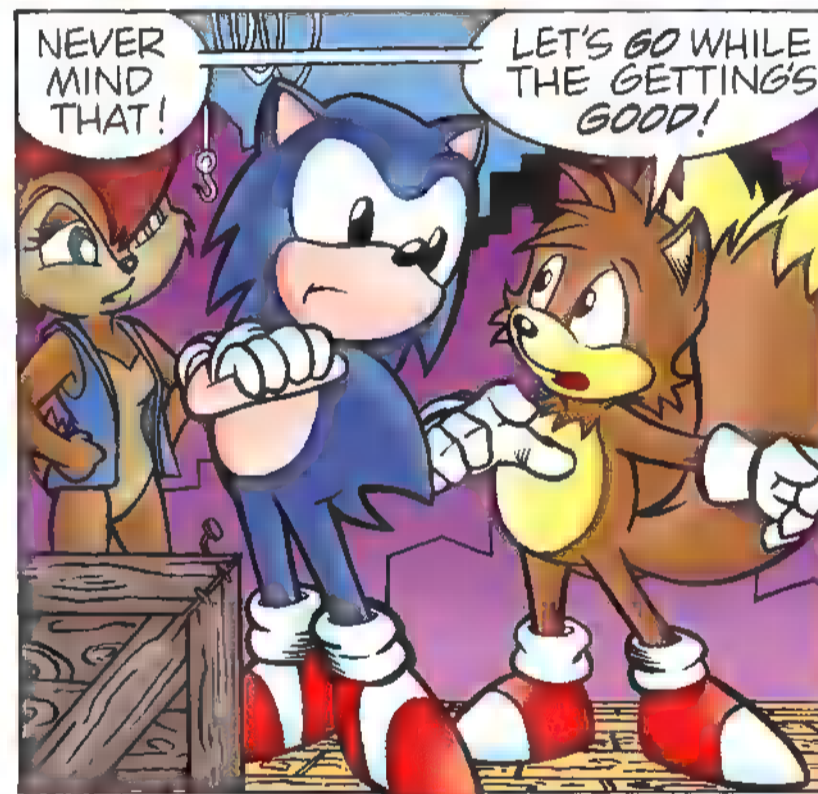
"--I AM FORCED TO DO SOMETHING I KNOW I'LL LIVE TO REGRET!"

THEY STOPPED!



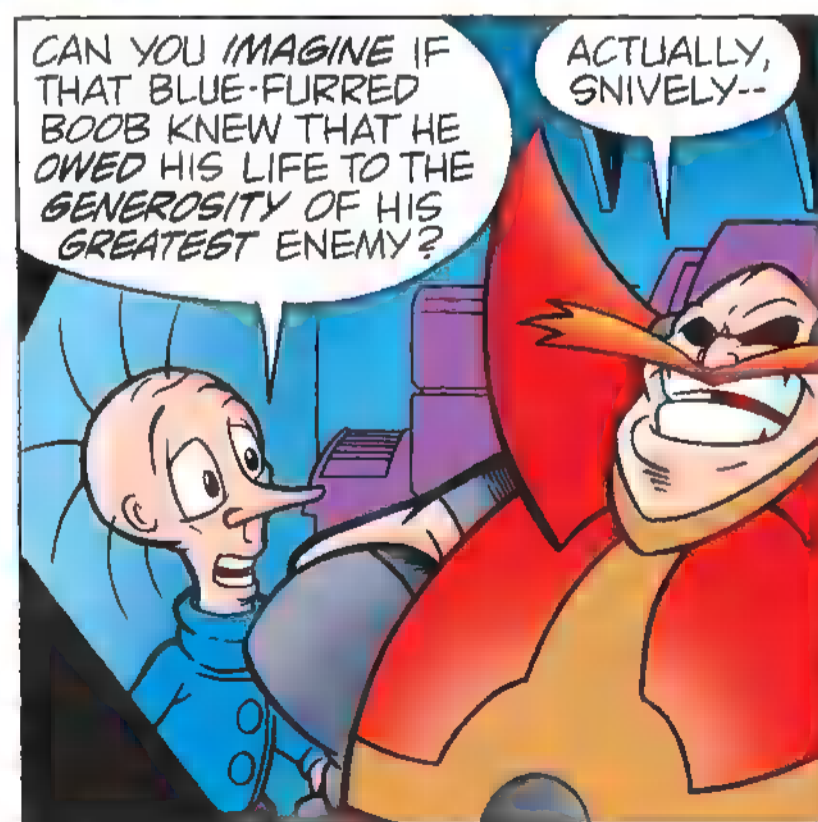
WHAT DO YOU THINK, ROTOR?

IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING-- OR SOMEONE--DEACTIVATED THEM, PRINCESS!



NEVER MIND THAT!

LET'S GO WHILE THE GETTING'S GOOD!



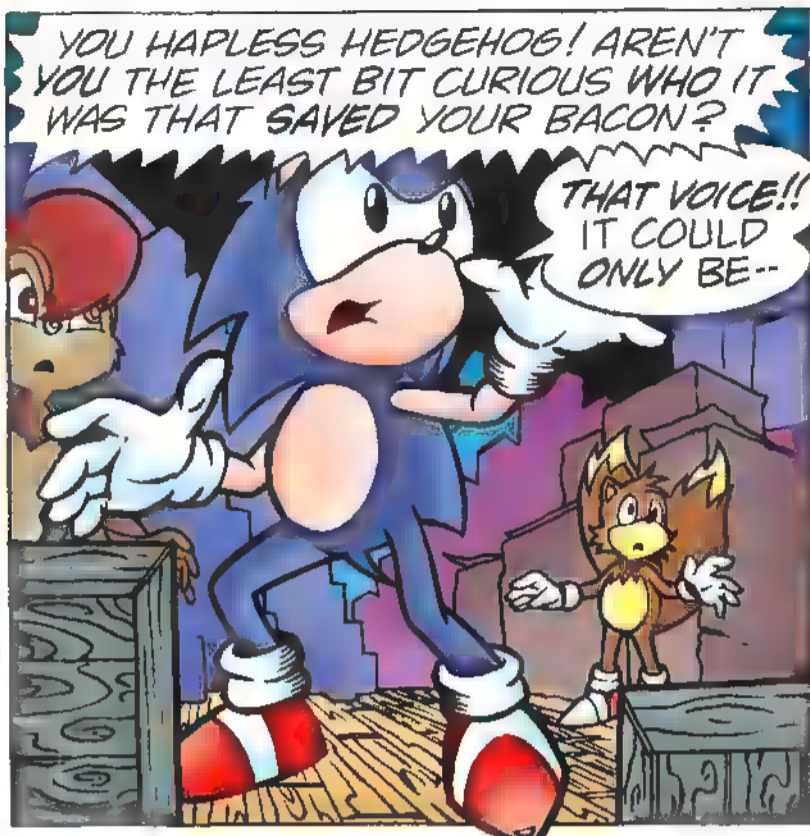
CAN YOU IMAGINE IF THAT BLUE-FURRED BOOB KNEW THAT HE OWED HIS LIFE TO THE GENEROSITY OF HIS GREATEST ENEMY?

ACTUALLY, SNIVELY--



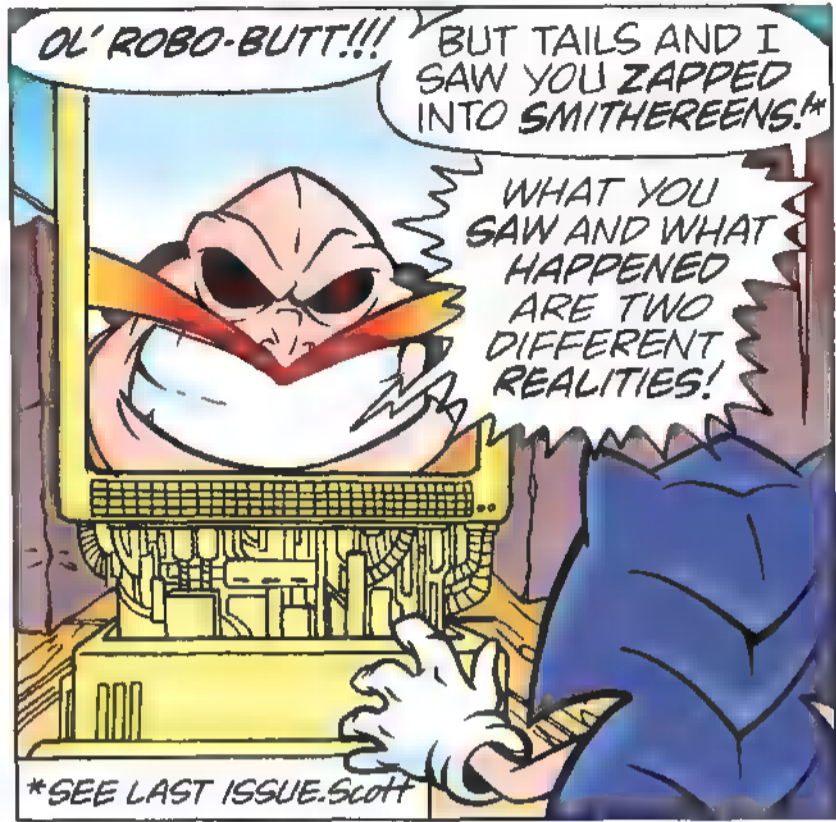
--YOUR "QUESTION" TRANSLATES INTO AN EXCELLENT STRATEGY!

LETTING SONIC STEW OVER THAT THOUGHT SHOULD CRIPPLE HIS EGO!



YOU HAPLESS HEDGEHOG! AREN'T YOU THE LEAST BIT CURIOUS WHO IT WAS THAT SAVED YOUR BACON?

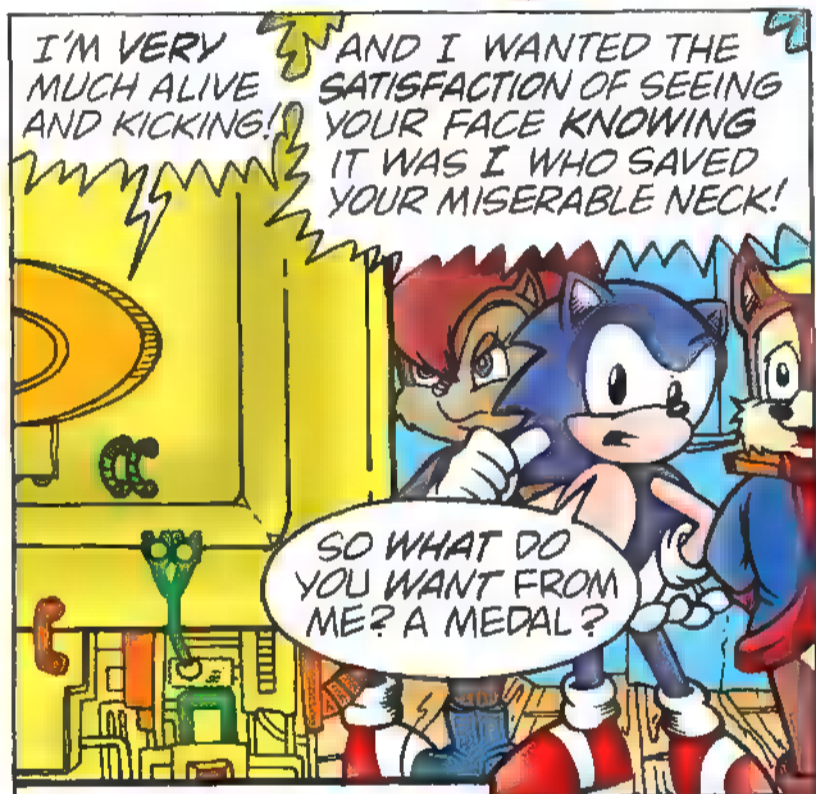
THAT VOICE!! IT COULD ONLY BE--



OL' ROBO-BUTT!!! BUT TAILS AND I SAW YOU ZAPPED INTO SMITHEREENS!\*

WHAT YOU SAW AND WHAT HAPPENED ARE TWO DIFFERENT REALITIES!

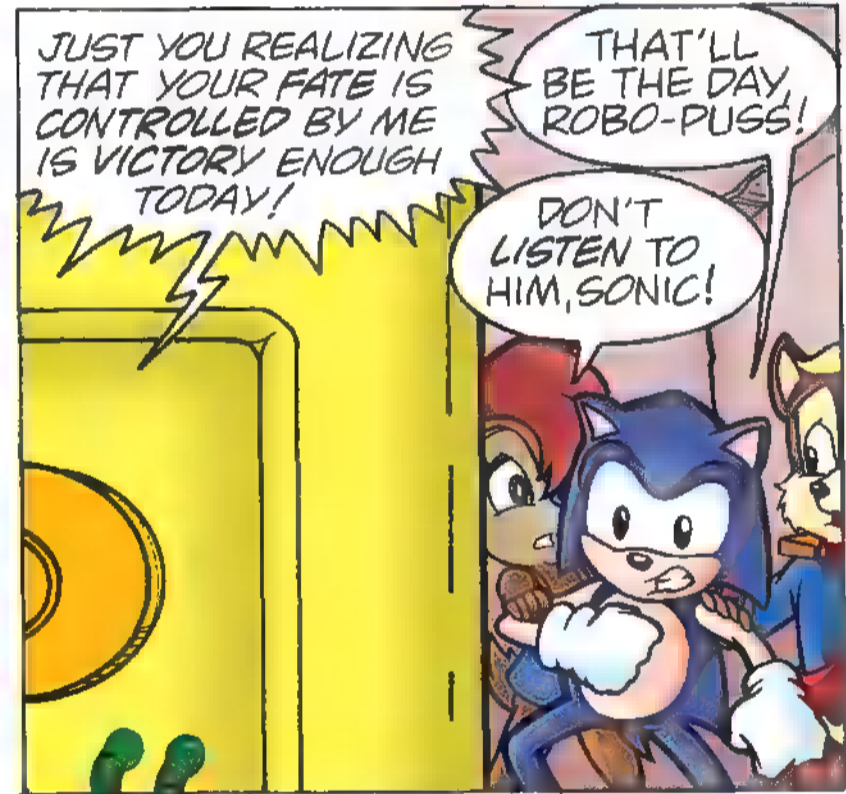
\*SEE LAST ISSUE. SCOTT



I'M VERY MUCH ALIVE AND KICKING!

AND I WANTED THE SATISFACTION OF SEEING YOUR FACE KNOWING IT WAS I WHO SAVED YOUR MISERABLE NECK!

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME? A MEDAL?



JUST YOU REALIZING THAT YOUR FATE IS CONTROLLED BY ME IS VICTORY ENOUGH TODAY!

THAT'LL BE THE DAY, ROBO-PUSS!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, SONIC!



THE GAME IS OVER-- FOR NOW.

YOU MAY LEAVE THROUGH THAT DOOR.

BUT NEXT TIME--



-- WILL BE OF MY OWN CHOOSING, HEDGEHOG.

WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT.



THERE HAS BEEN NO GAIN-- THERE HAS BEEN NO LOSS! WE SHALL LIVE TO FIGHT-- ANOTHER DAY!

END

# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

## in "TAILS' KNIGHTTIME STORY!"



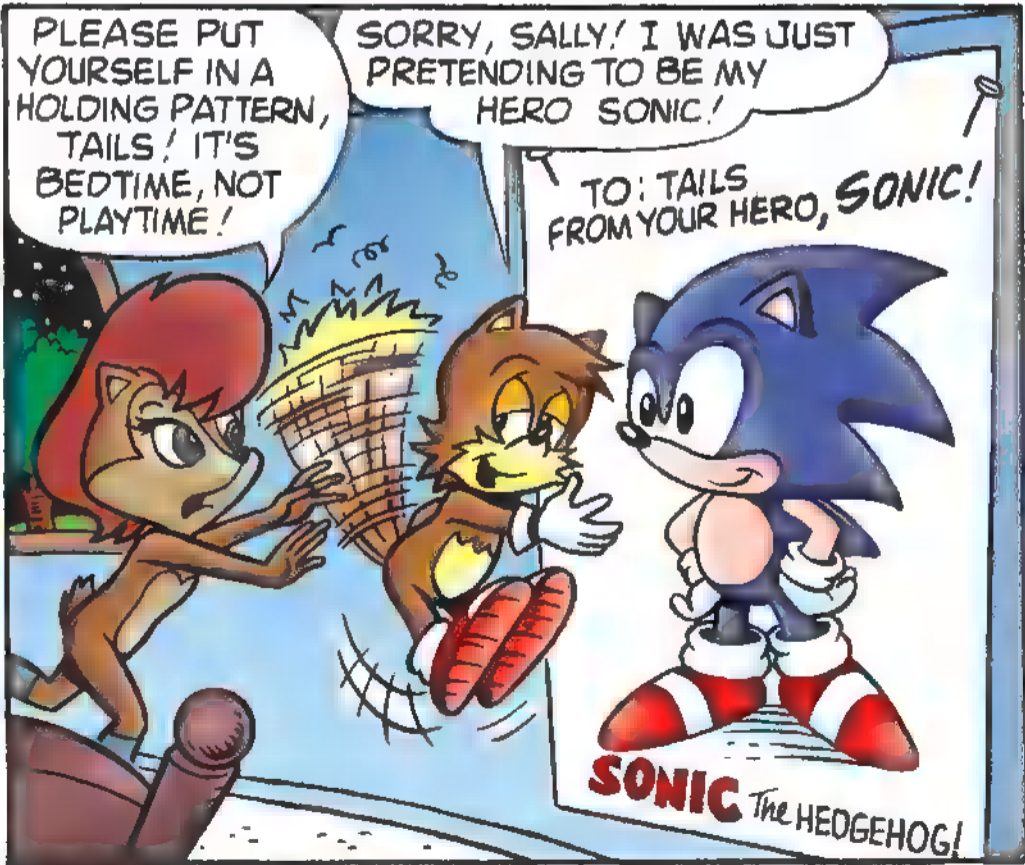
I'M SONIC  
THE HEDGEHOG  
RACING TO THE  
RESCUE!

ZOOM

TAILS!

BING!

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PLEASE PUT  
YOURSELF IN A  
HOLDING PATTERN,  
TAILS! IT'S  
BEDTIME, NOT  
PLAYTIME!

SORRY, SALLY! I WAS JUST  
PRETENDING TO BE MY  
HERO SONIC!

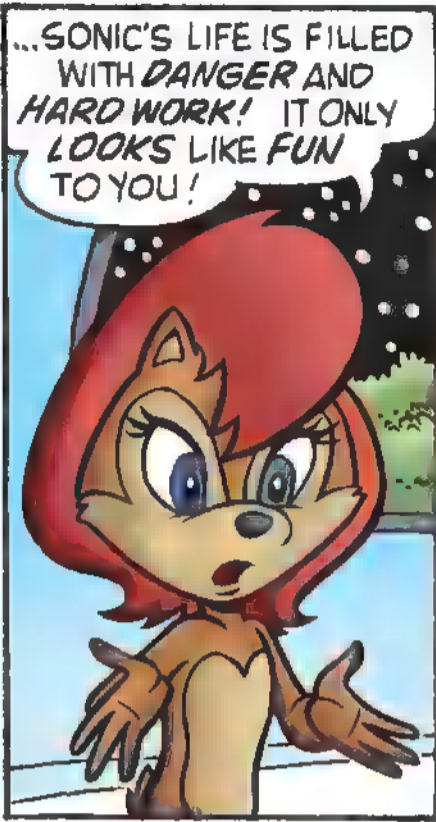
TO: TAILS  
FROM YOUR HERO, SONIC!

SONIC The HEDGEHOG!

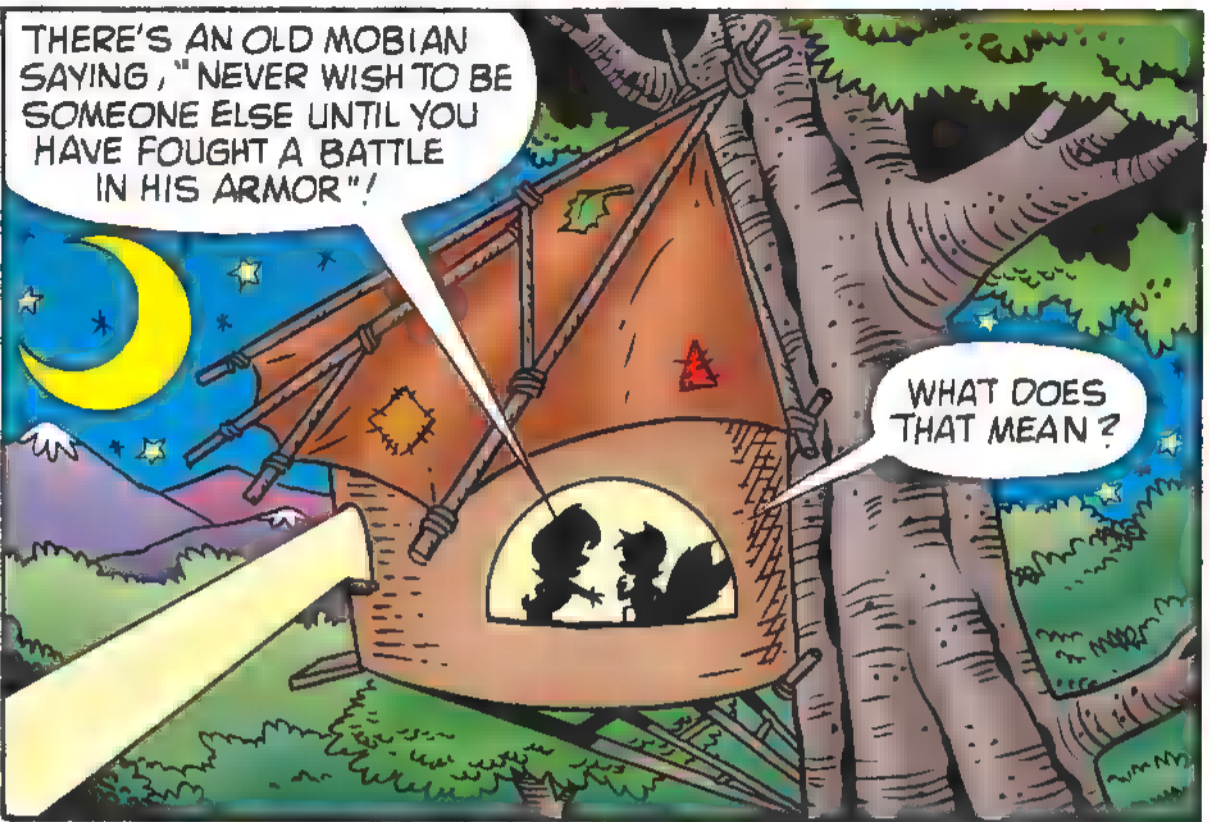


SONIC'S LIFE IS *NON-STOP FUN*  
AND EXCITEMENT! WHILE SOME-  
TIMES I GET IN ON THE ACTION, I  
MOSTLY STAY HERE AND GET  
"BABY-SAT"!

BUT,  
TAILS...

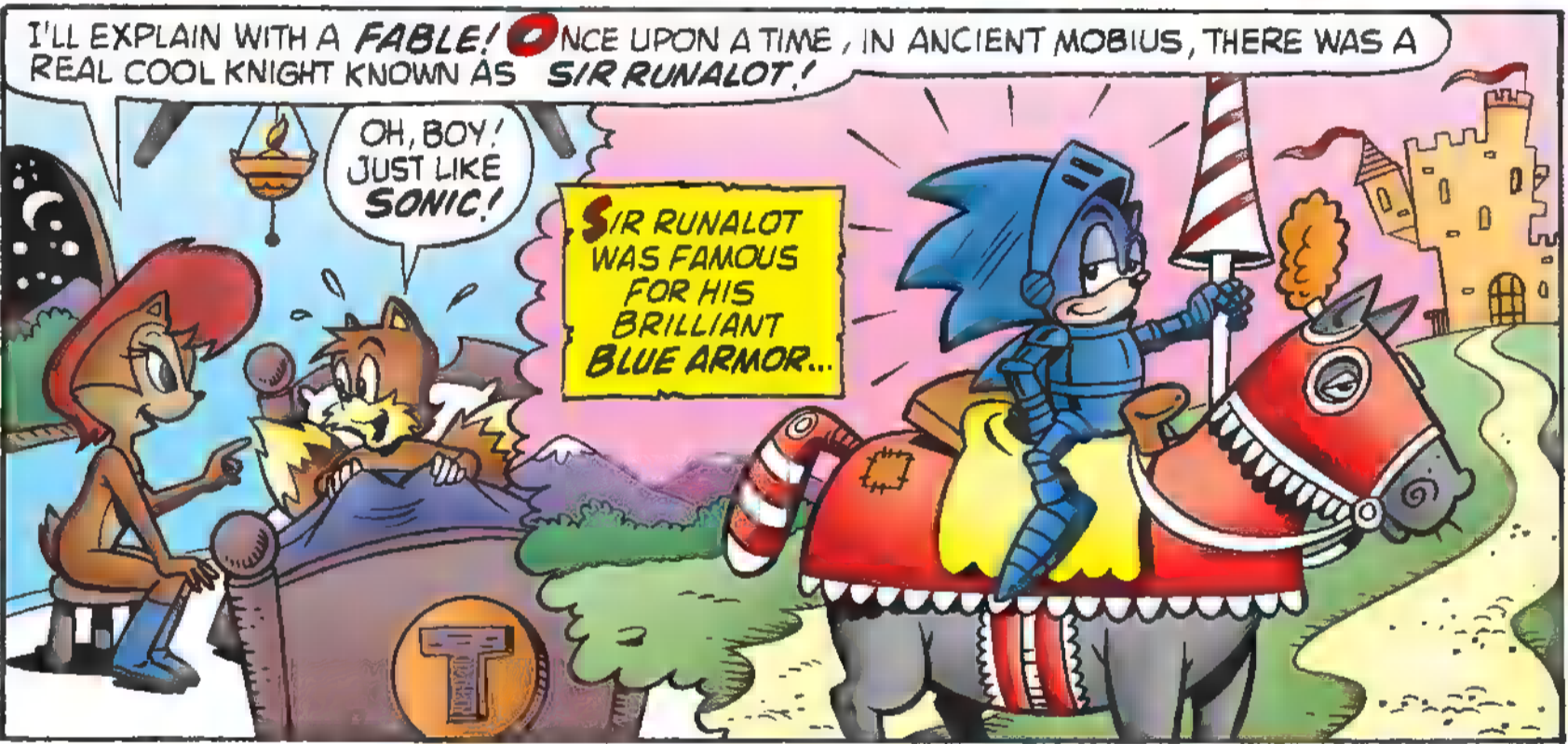


...SONIC'S LIFE IS FILLED WITH DANGER AND HARD WORK! IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE FUN TO YOU!



THERE'S AN OLD MOBIAN SAYING, "NEVER WISH TO BE SOMEONE ELSE UNTIL YOU HAVE FOUGHT A BATTLE IN HIS ARMOR"!

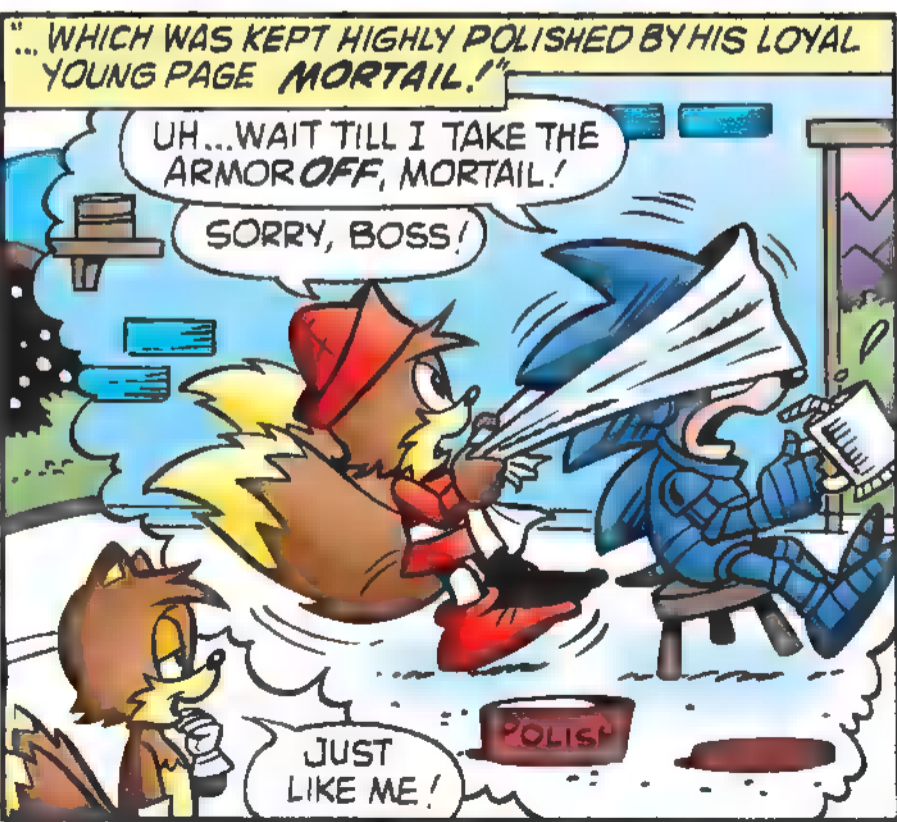
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?



I'LL EXPLAIN WITH A FABLE! ONCE UPON A TIME, IN ANCIENT MOBIUS, THERE WAS A REAL COOL KNIGHT KNOWN AS SIR RUNALOT!

OH, BOY! JUST LIKE SONIC!

SIR RUNALOT WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS BRILLIANT BLUE ARMOR...



... WHICH WAS KEPT HIGHLY POLISHED BY HIS LOYAL YOUNG PAGE MORTAIL!"

UH...WAIT TILL I TAKE THE ARMOR OFF, MORTAIL!

SORRY, BOSS!

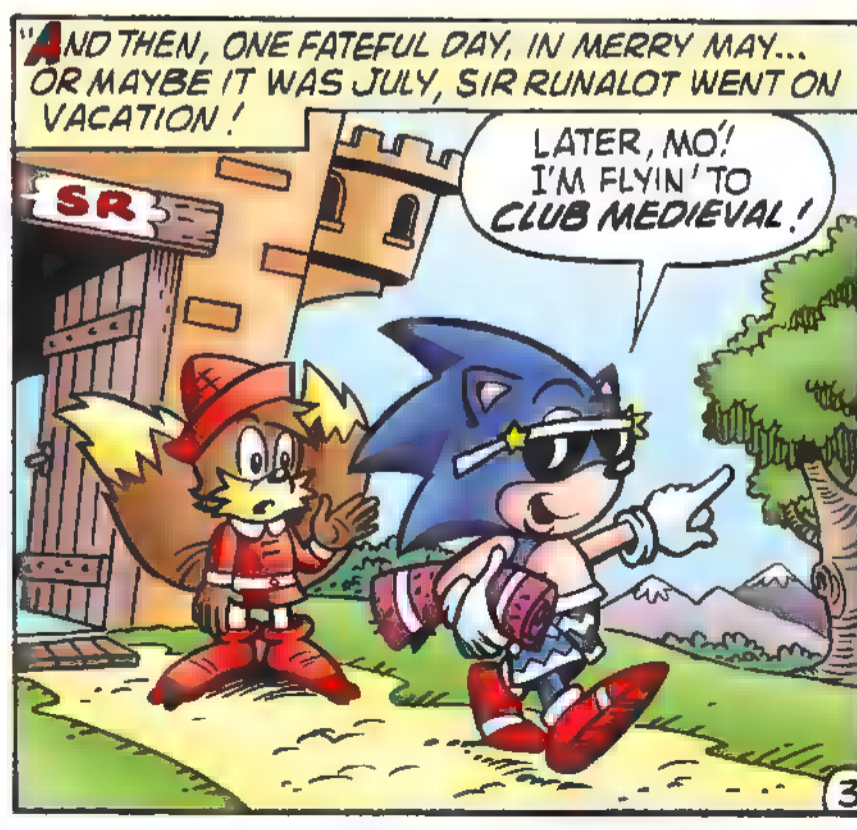
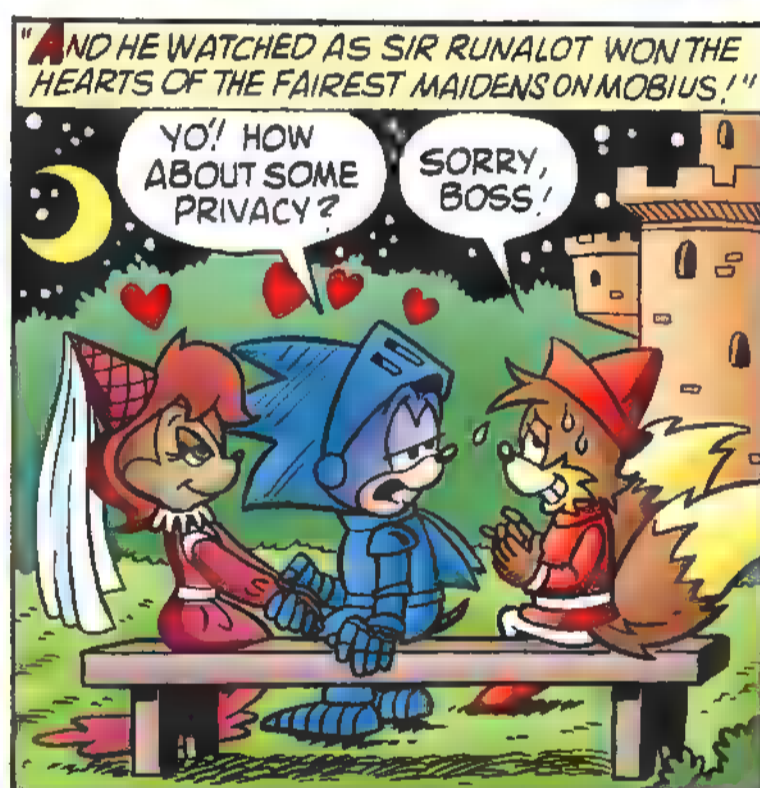
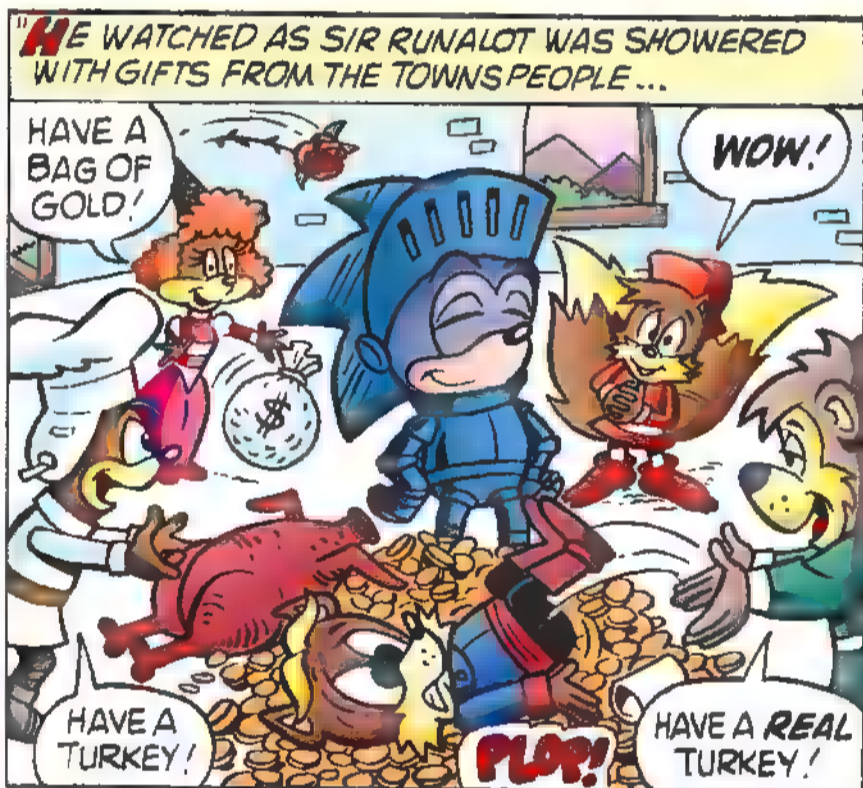
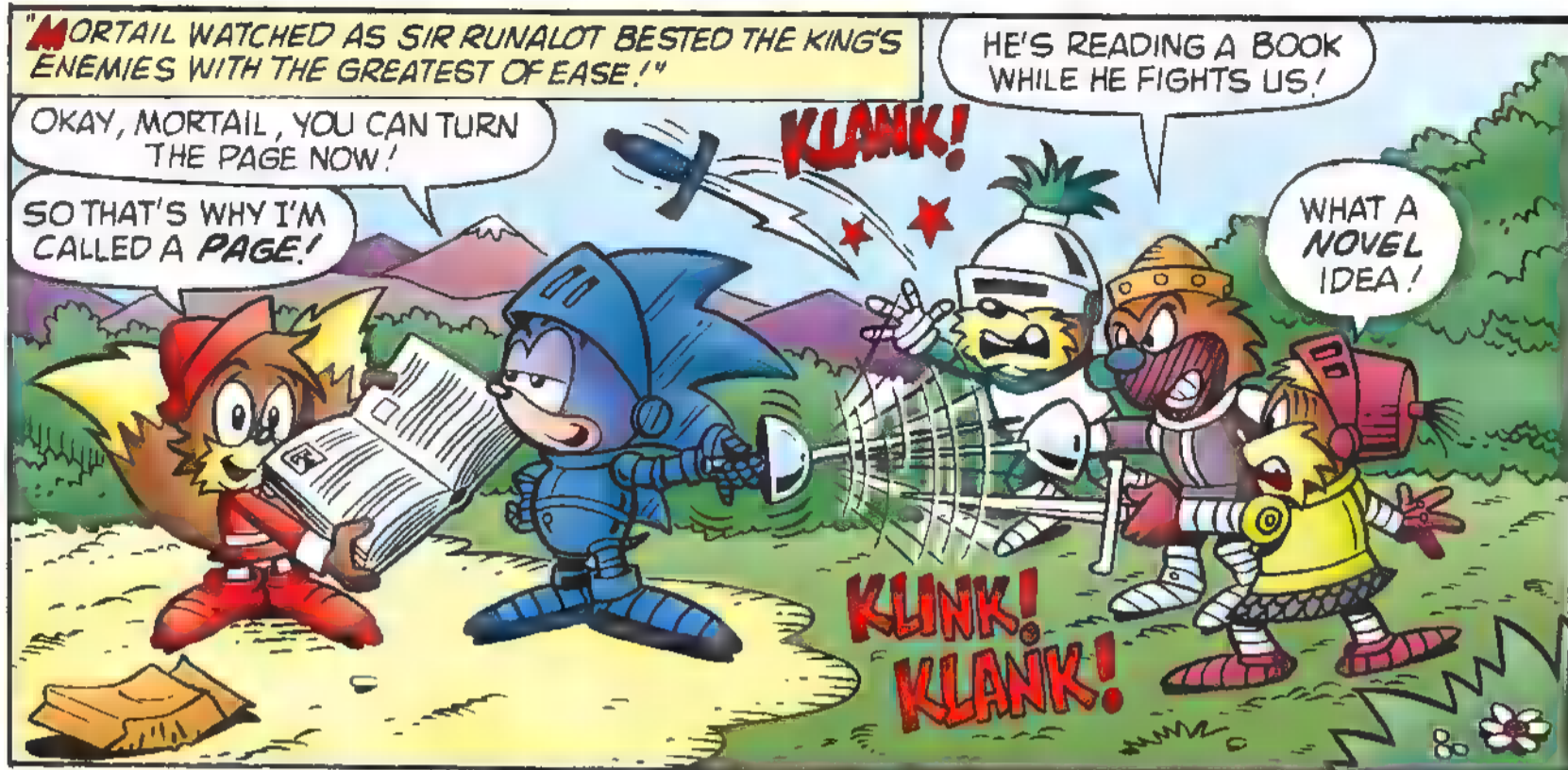
JUST LIKE ME!



"MORTAIL WOULD FOLLOW SIR RUNALOT EVERYWHERE AS HE WENT ABOUT HIS KNIGHTLY DUTIES!"

I'M FOLLOWING SIR RUNALOT EVERYWHERE AS HE GOES ABOUT HIS KNIGHTLY DUTIES!

SURE COULD USE A HORSE THOUGH!



"...LEAVING BEHIND HIS SUIT OF ARMOR FOR MORTAIL TO POLISH!"



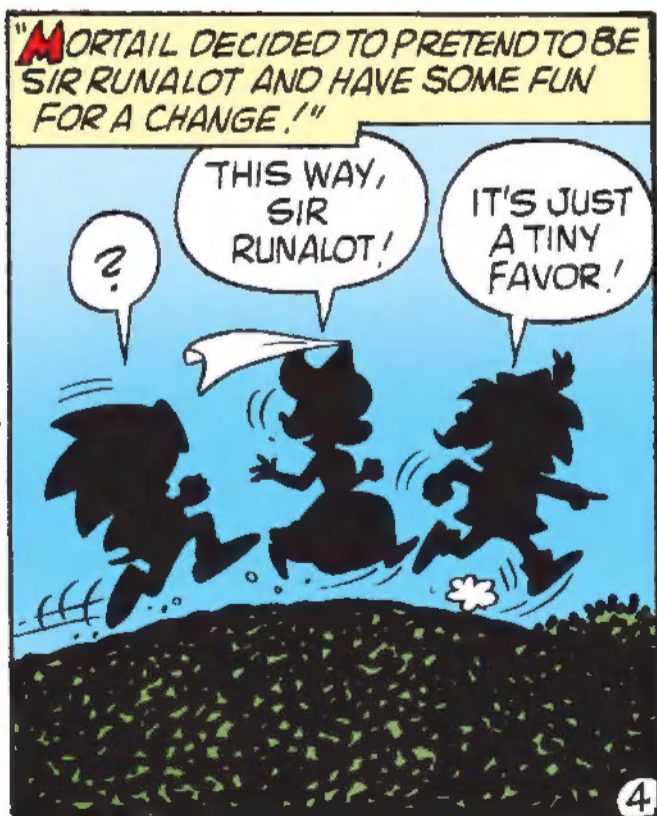
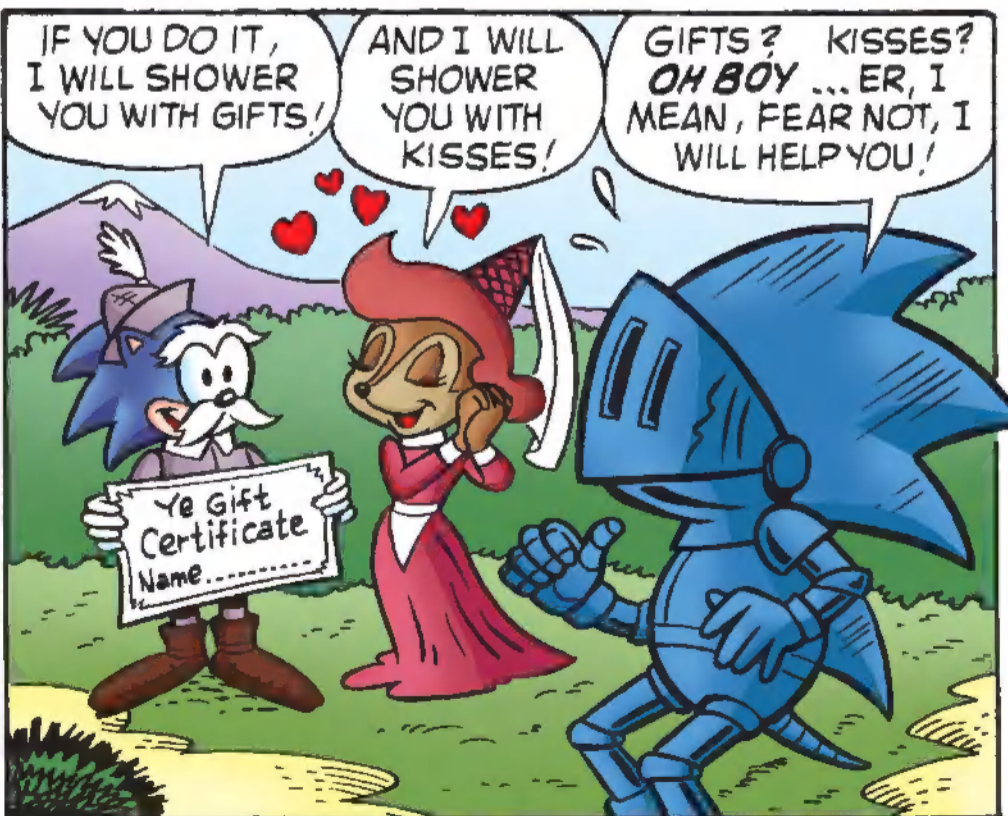
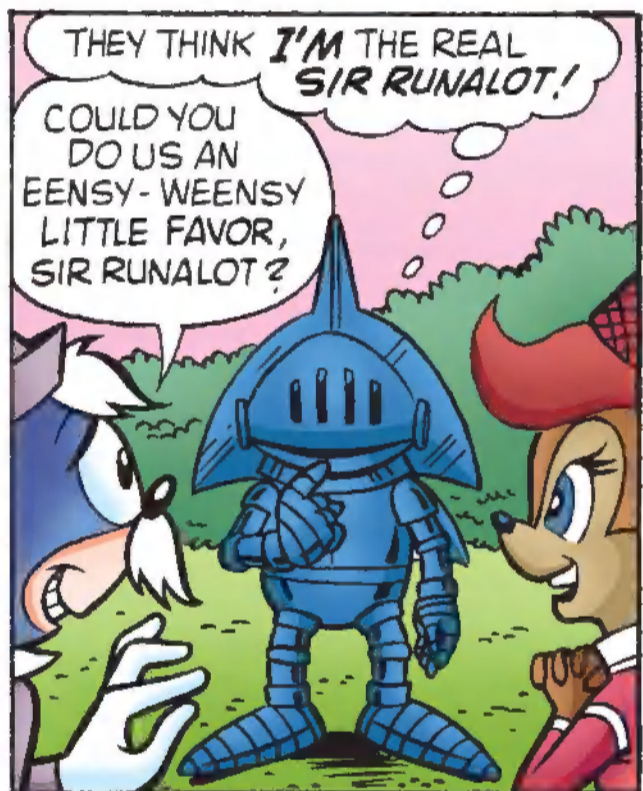
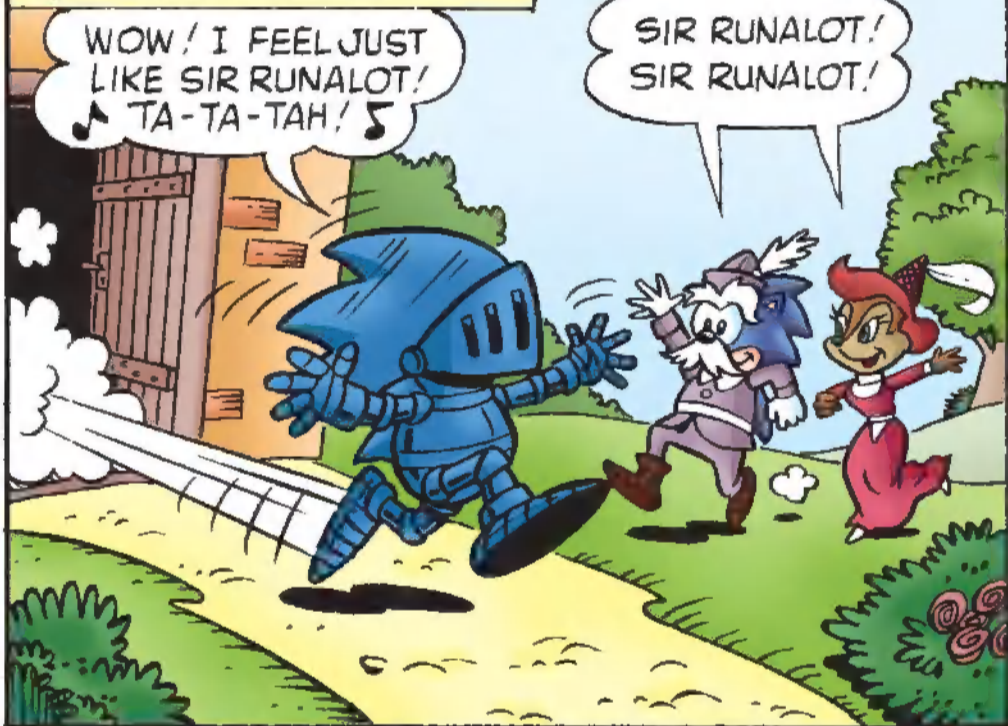
"SUDDENLY, MORTAIL WAS STRUCK BY AN IDEA!"

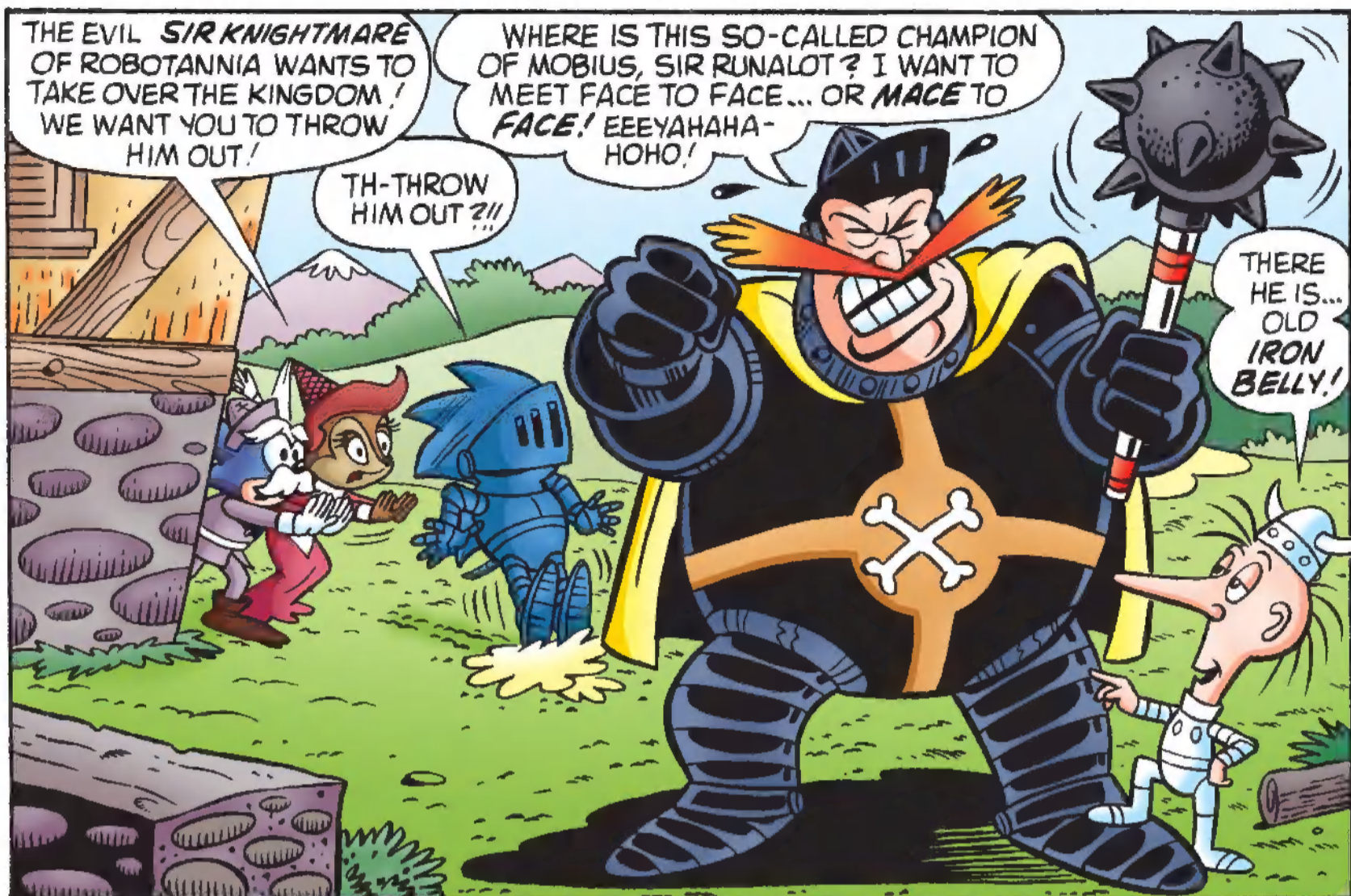


"...THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO TRY ON SIR RUNALOT'S ARMOR! I'M SURE HE WON'T MIND, HE SAID TO HIMSELF!"



"BUT WHEN HE PUT IT ON..."





THE EVIL *SIR KNIGHTMARE* OF ROBOTANNIA WANTS TO TAKE OVER THE KINGDOM! WE WANT YOU TO THROW HIM OUT!

WHERE IS THIS SO-CALLED CHAMPION OF MOBIUS, SIR RUNALOT? I WANT TO MEET FACE TO FACE... OR *MACE TO FACE!* EEEYAHHA-HOHO!

TH-THROW HIM OUT?!!

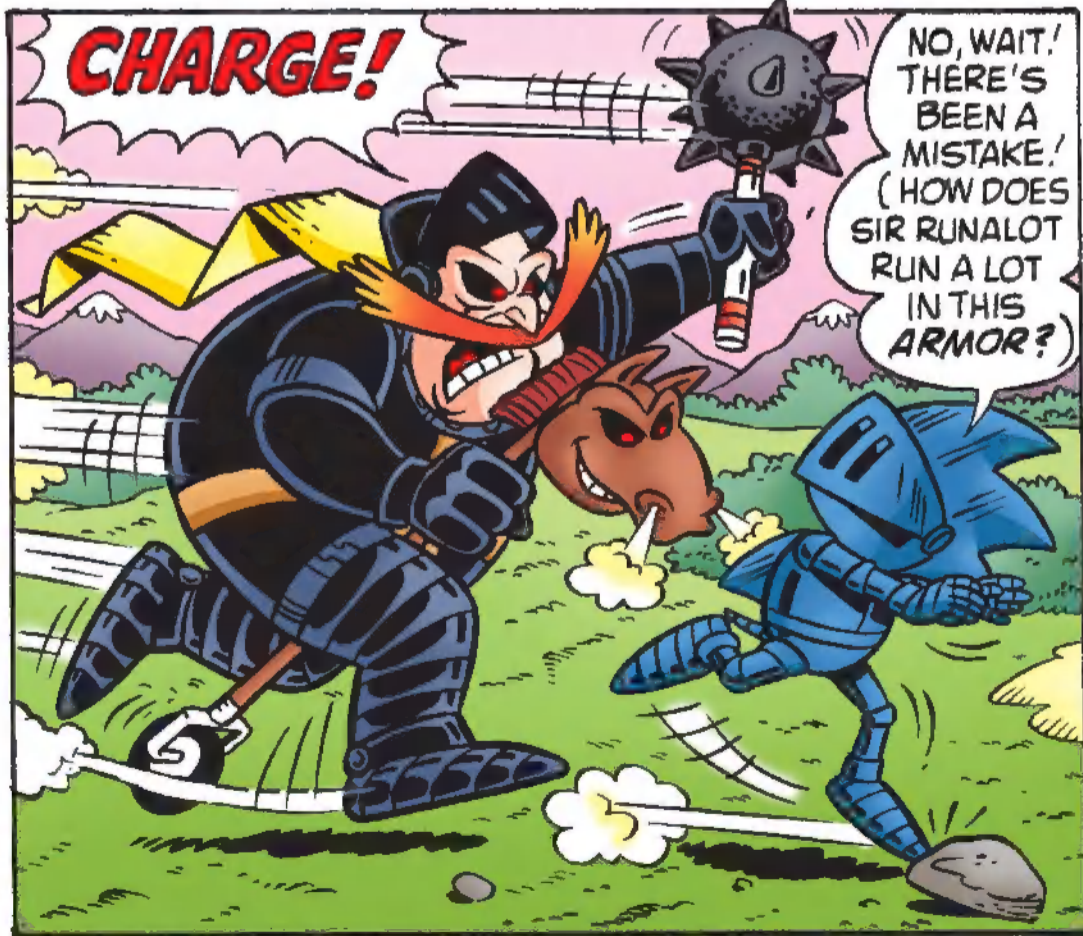
THERE HE IS... OLD IRON BELLY!



*SIR KNIGHTMARE* WORE A SUIT OF ARMOR WEIGHING ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, SO HE NEEDED A MAGICAL HORSE!"

BRING ME MY STEED!

YES, SIR! *WHOA!* I DIDN'T MAKE IT INTO THIS PANEL!



**CHARGE!**

NO, WAIT! THERE'S BEEN A MISTAKE! (HOW DOES SIR RUNALOT RUN A LOT IN THIS ARMOR?)



"MORTAL WAS NO MATCH FOR SIR KNIGHTMARE!"

I TRIPPED!

**CLANK!**



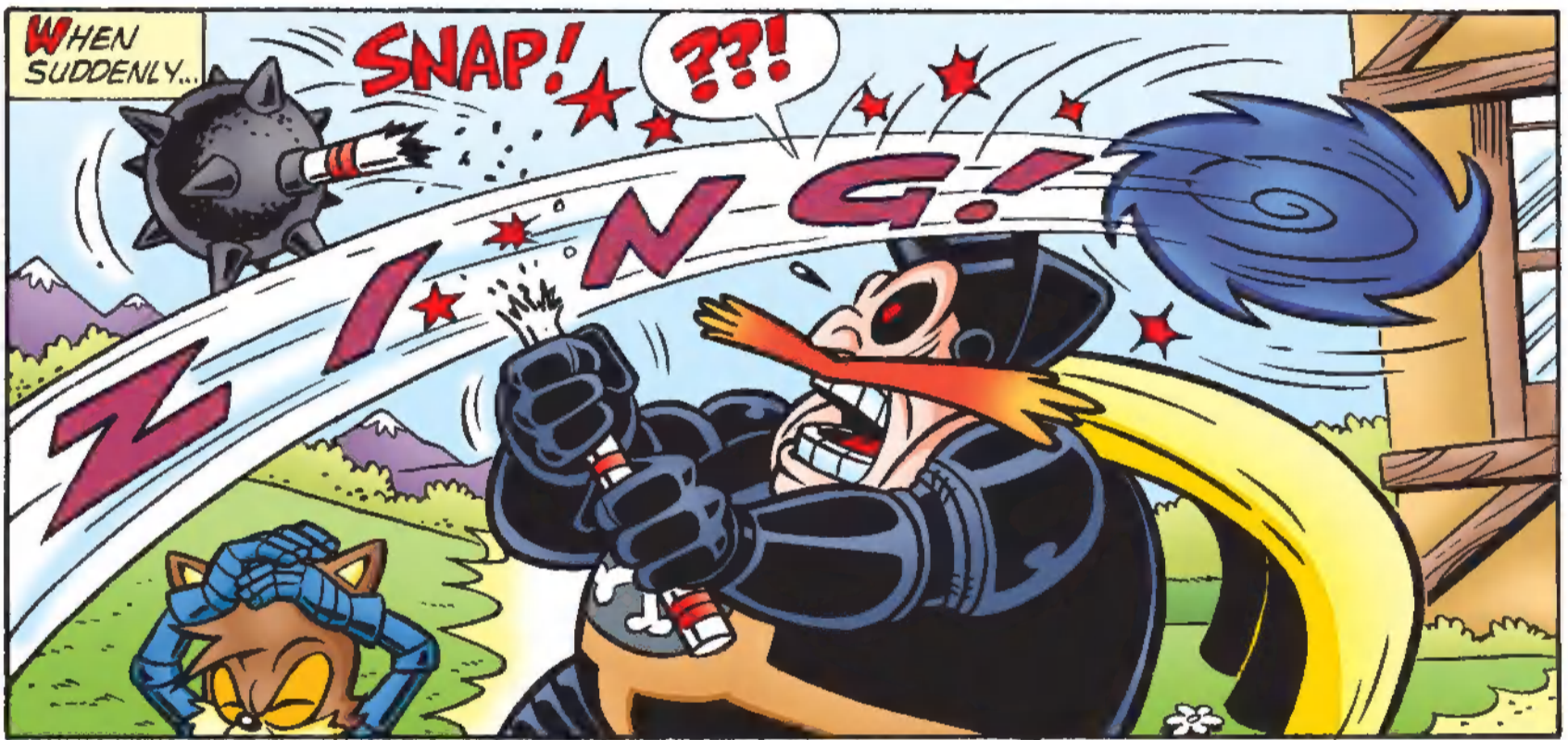
NOW I'VE GOT YOU!

BUT I'M NOT SIR RUNALOT!  
I'M MORTAIL ... A LITTLE  
INSIGNIFICANT NOBODY,  
SEE?



"IT LOOKED LIKE THE END OF MORTAIL!"

COWARD! I RECOGNIZE  
YOUR BLUE ARMOR!  
PREPARE TO...



WHEN  
SUDDENLY...

SNAP! ???!

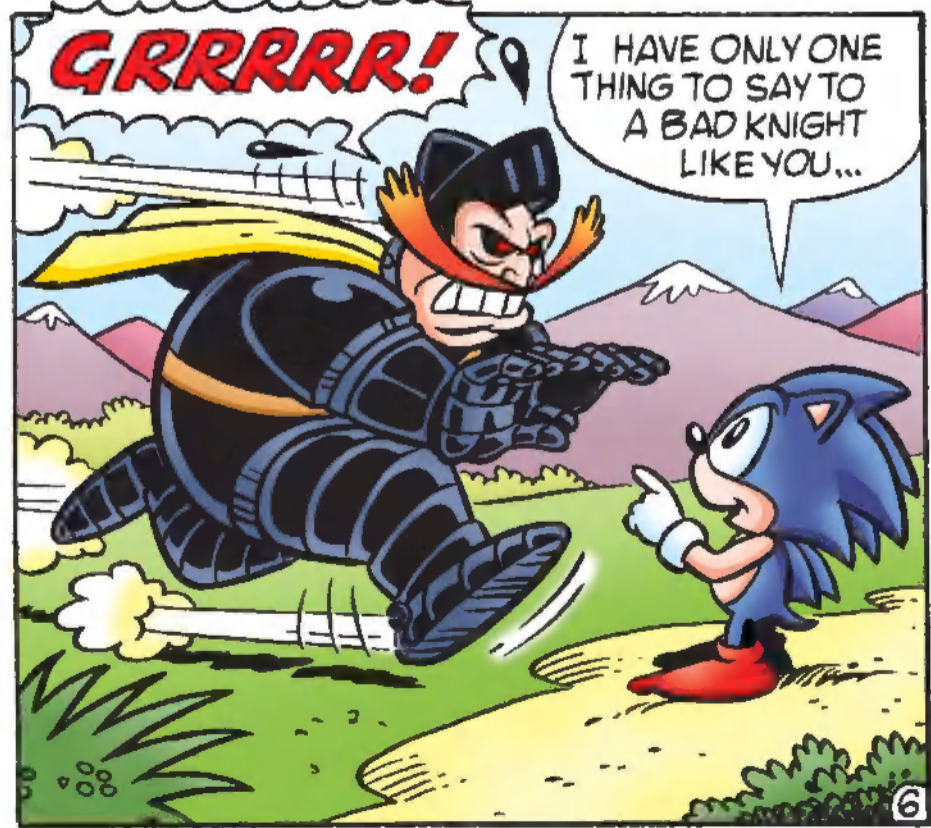
ZING!



SIR  
RUNALOT!  
YOU'RE BACK!

YEAH! I FORGOT  
THAT AIRLINES  
HAVEN'T BEEN  
INVENTED YET!

WHUMP!



GRRRRR!

I HAVE ONLY ONE  
THING TO SAY TO  
A BAD KNIGHT  
LIKE YOU...



